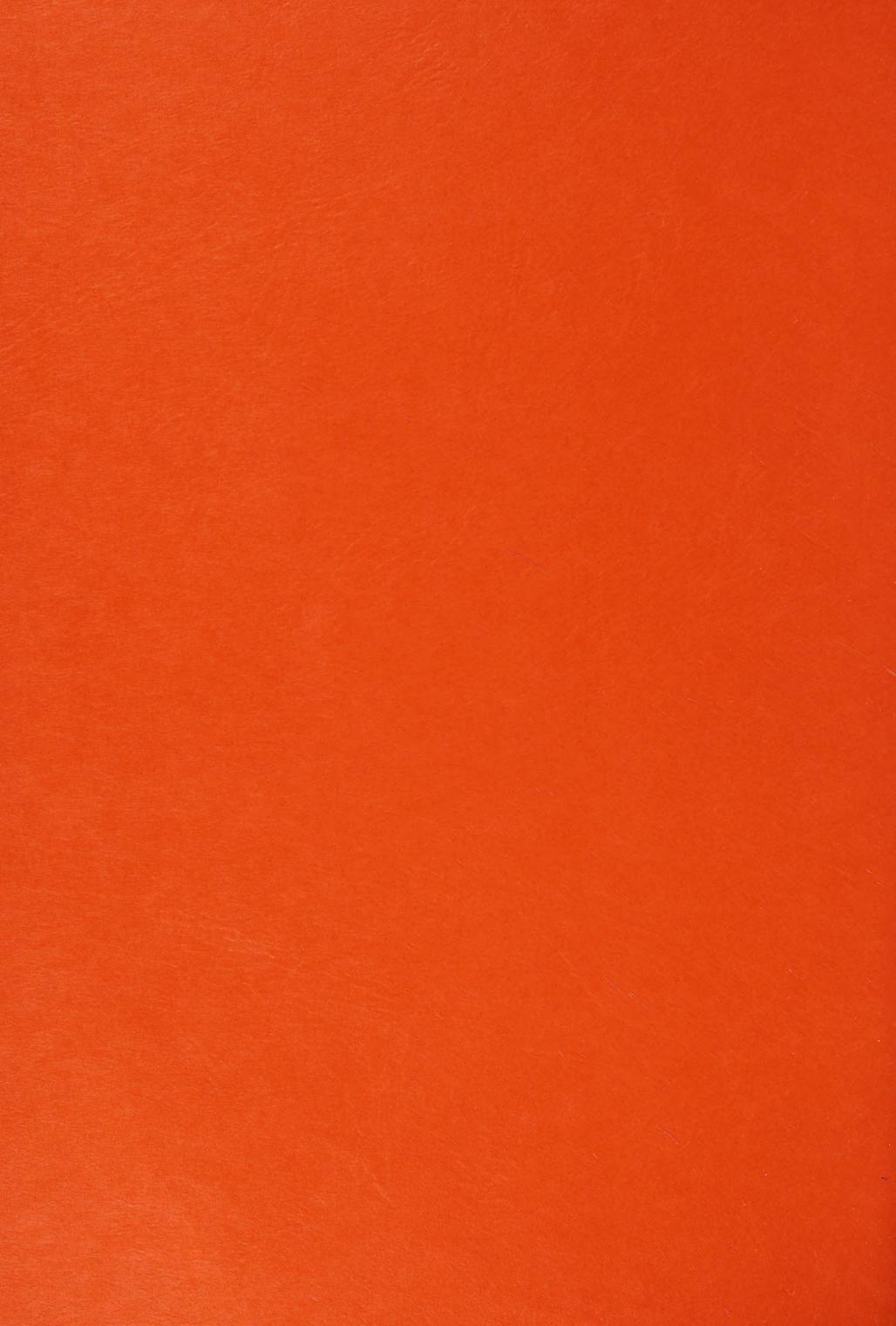
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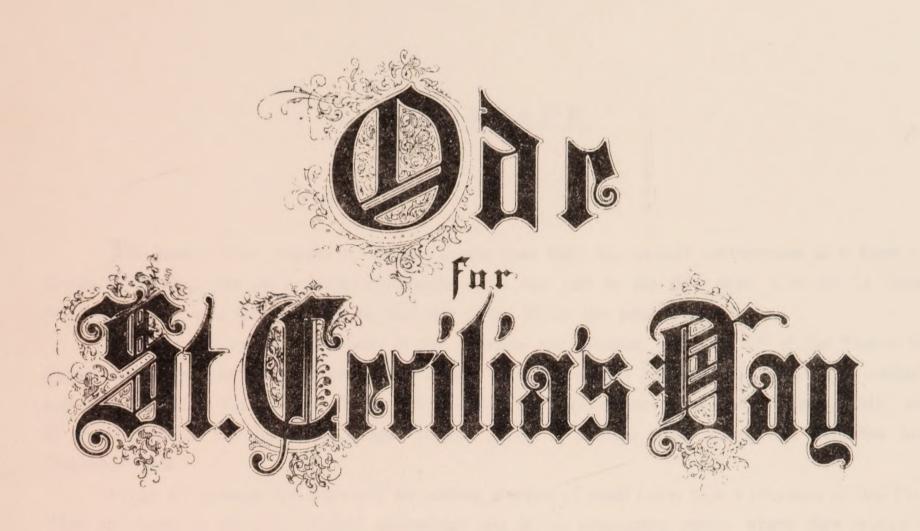
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## PREFACE.

The present ODE, written by *Dryden* in the year 1687 for musical performance at a Feast of St. Cecilia in London, was set to music by Handel from the 15th to the 24th Sept. 1739 as "A Song for St. Cecilia's Day", and first produced on that day (Nov. 22) in the year 1739.

The first and second movements of the Overture are identical with the 5th of the Twelve Grand Concertos composed in the same year. The Finale of that Concerto has also been put to a similar use, and been printed in the editions of this Ode; though the Minuet movement, which was actually written by Handel for its Overture, and is here printed by us, is perhaps more appropriate than the broader Concerto-Finale.

On p. 30 between the lines will be noticed a series of small notes, with a reference to the Preface. They are found in Handel's original manuscript (not in his conducting score), where they occupy some bars of pauses in the line belonging to the Trumpet, but would there denote B, which is simply impossible. They are undoubtedly a figure for the Drum (and as such, D), and inserted in the Trumpet line only because this happened to be vacant here. Either of the two figures given to the Drum, therefore, may be chosen.

Of the small vocal piece on the same subject, and belonging to about the same period, entitled by us "The Praise of Harmony", which we here give as an appendix, Handel's manuscript is extant. Though probably occasionally sung, it has never been much known in this form. The poem must have been written for Handel's setting, probably by Newburgh Hamilton. The air was subsequently provided with Italian words, commencing "Sei cara sei bella virtute ogn'or".

LEIPZIG, Oct. 16. 1866.

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# ODE FOR ST. CECILIA'S DAY.

# CAECILIEN-ODE.

#### RECITATIVE, accompanied.

From Harmony, from heav'nly Harmony,
This universal frame began.
When Nature underneath a heap
Of jarring atoms lay,
And could not heave her head:
The tuneful voice was heard from high,
"Arise! ye more than deada:
Then cold and hot, and moist and dry,
In order to their stations leap,
And Music's pow'r obey.

#### CHORUS.

From Harmony, from heav'nly Harmony,
This universal frame began:
From Harmony to Harmony,
Through all the compass of the notes it ran,
The diapason closing full in Man.

#### AIR 1.

What passion cannot Music raise and quell! —
When Jubal struck the chorded shell,
His list'ning brethren stood around,
And, wond'ring, on their faces fell,
To worship that celestial sound.
Less than a God they thought there could not dwell
Within the hollow of that shell,
That spoke so sweetly and so well.
What passion cannot Music raise and quell!

# AIR 2, and CHORUS.

The TRUMPET's loud clangor
Excites us to arms
With shrill notes of anger,
And mortal alarms.
The double, double, double beat
Of the thund'ring DRUM
Cries, hark! the foes come;
Charge, charge! 'tis too late to retreat.

#### (MARCH.)

#### AIR 3.

The soft complaining FLUTE
In dying notes discovers
The woes of hopeless lovers,
Whose dirge is whisper'd by the warbling LUTE.

#### Begleitetes RECITATIV.

Durch Harmonie, durch heil'ge Harmonie
Entstand dies weite Weltenall.

Als formlos die Natur noch lag,
Verworr'nen Missklangs voll,
In lebenloser Nacht:
Scholl wohllautreich des Schöpfers Ruf:
"Erwach' aus starrem Tod!«
Und Kalt und Heiss, und Dürr und Feucht
Zertheilt in fester Ordnung sich,
Durch Harmonie beseelt.

#### CHOR.

Durch Harmonie, durch heil'ge Harmonie
Entstand dies weite Weltenall:
Von Harmonie zu Harmonie
Durchlief die Schöpfung aller Töne Reich,
Und schloss im Vollklang ihrer höchsten Macht.

#### ARIE 1.

Wie hebt und senkt Musik der Seele Flug!

Als Jubal die erste Laute schlug,

Wie lauscht' die Schaar da ihrem Sang,

Die staunend hin zur Erde sank,

Anbetend vor dem Wunderklang.

Sie wähnt', ein lebend gottgleich Wesen trug

Die Laute bergend in ihrem Hohl,

Die sprach so lieblich und so wohl.

Wie hebt und senkt Musik der Seele Flug!

# ARIE 2, und CHOR.

Der Schall der Trompete,
Er ruft uns zur Schlacht;
Der Zorn in dem Busen,
Der Kampfmuth erwacht,
Der Trommel donnerndes Geroll,
Ihr grollender Schlag
Stürmt auf an den Feind,
Auf, auf, bis der Siegsruf erschallt.

#### (MARSCH.)

#### ARIE 3.

Der Flöte Klageton Hinsterbend singt den Jammer Der hoffnungslosen Liebe; Ihr Grablied sanft flüstert in der Laute Schlag.

#### AIR 4.

Sharp VIOLINS proclaim
Their jealous pangs and desperation,
Fury, frantic indignation,
Depth of pains, and height of passion,
For the fair disdainful dame.

#### AIR 5.

But oh! what art can teach,
What human voice can reach
The sacred Organ's praise?
Notes inspiring holy love,
Notes that wing their heav'nly ways
To join the choirs above.

#### AIR 6.

Orpheus could lead the savage race; And trees uprooted left their place, Sequacious of the Lyre.

#### RECITATIVE, accompanied.

But bright CECILIA rais'd the wonder high'r: When to her ORGAN vocal breath was giv'n, An angel heard, and straight appear'd, Mistaking earth for heaven.

#### GRAND CHORUS.

As from the pow'r of sacred lays
The spheres began to move;
And sung the great Creator's praise
To all the bless'd above;
So when the last and dreadful hour,
This crumbling pageant shall devour;
The TRUMPET shall be heard on high,
The dead shall live, the living die,
And Music shall untune the sky.

#### ARIE 4.

Die helle Geige singt Von Eifersucht und von Verzweiflung; Singt von heisser Lieb', und Sehnsucht Tiefster Qual, und höchstem Leiden, Um der stolzen Schönen Gunst.

#### ARIE 5.

Doch o, wess Stimme gleicht,
O welche Kunst erreicht
Der heil'gen Orgel Klang!
Ihren Klang, der Liebe singt,
Und sich auf zum Himmel schwingt,
Zum Engel-Chorgesang.

#### ARIE 6.

Orpheus bezwang die wilde Brut; Der Baum, entwurzelt seinem Grund, Er folgt der Laute Klang.

#### Begleitetes RECITATIV.

Doch sieh! Cācilia wirkte gröss're That! Als sie der Orgel Stimm' und Sang verlieh, Da lauscht ein Engel und wähnt entzückt Sich auf der Erd' im Himmel.

#### GROSSER CHOR.

So wie durch heil'ger Lieder Macht
Der Sphären Lauf begann,
Und sie des grossen Schöpfers Preis
Lobsangen durch das All:
So, wenn die letzie Stunde schlägt
Und ganz dies Erdenrund zerfällt,
Dröhnt der Posaune lauter Schall:
Was stirbt ersteht, was lebt vergeht,
Und der Sphärenklang verstummt im All.

# APPENDIX.

#### PRAISE OF HARMONY.

Preis der Harmonie.

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Look down, look down Harmonious Saint, whilst we Do celebrate thy art and thee! Of Music's force the wonders show, The most of Heav'n we here can know.

Music! that all-persuading art,
Which sooths our griefs, inspires our joys,
Soft love creates, stern rage destroys,
And moulds at will each stubborn heart.

Sweet accents all your numbers grace,
Touch ev'ry trembling string;
Each note in justest order place —
Of Harmony we'll sing.
It charms the soul, delights the ear,
To it all passions bow;
It gives us hope, it conquers fear,
And rules we know not how.
Sweet accents: Da Capo.

O blick herab, Harmonische Heil'ge du, wie wir, Im Preisgesang dich feiernd hier, Uns deiner Kunst in Andacht weih'n, Des Himmels Theil in unserm Sein.

Tonkunst! in Wunderkraft bewährt! Die stillt den Gram und stimmt zur Lust, Und Liebe zeugt und Wuth zerstört, Und hebt und beugt die starrste Brust.

Dein Wohllaut schmückt des Dichters Sang,
Der Saiten bebend Spiel;
Melodisch ist dein Weg und Gang,
Und Harmonie dein Ziel.
Sie rührt das Ohr, entzückt das Herz,
Zwingt jede Leidenschaft;
Sie beut uns Trost, sie bannt den Schmerz,
Und herrscht mit Zauberkraft.
Dein Wohllaut: Da Capo.

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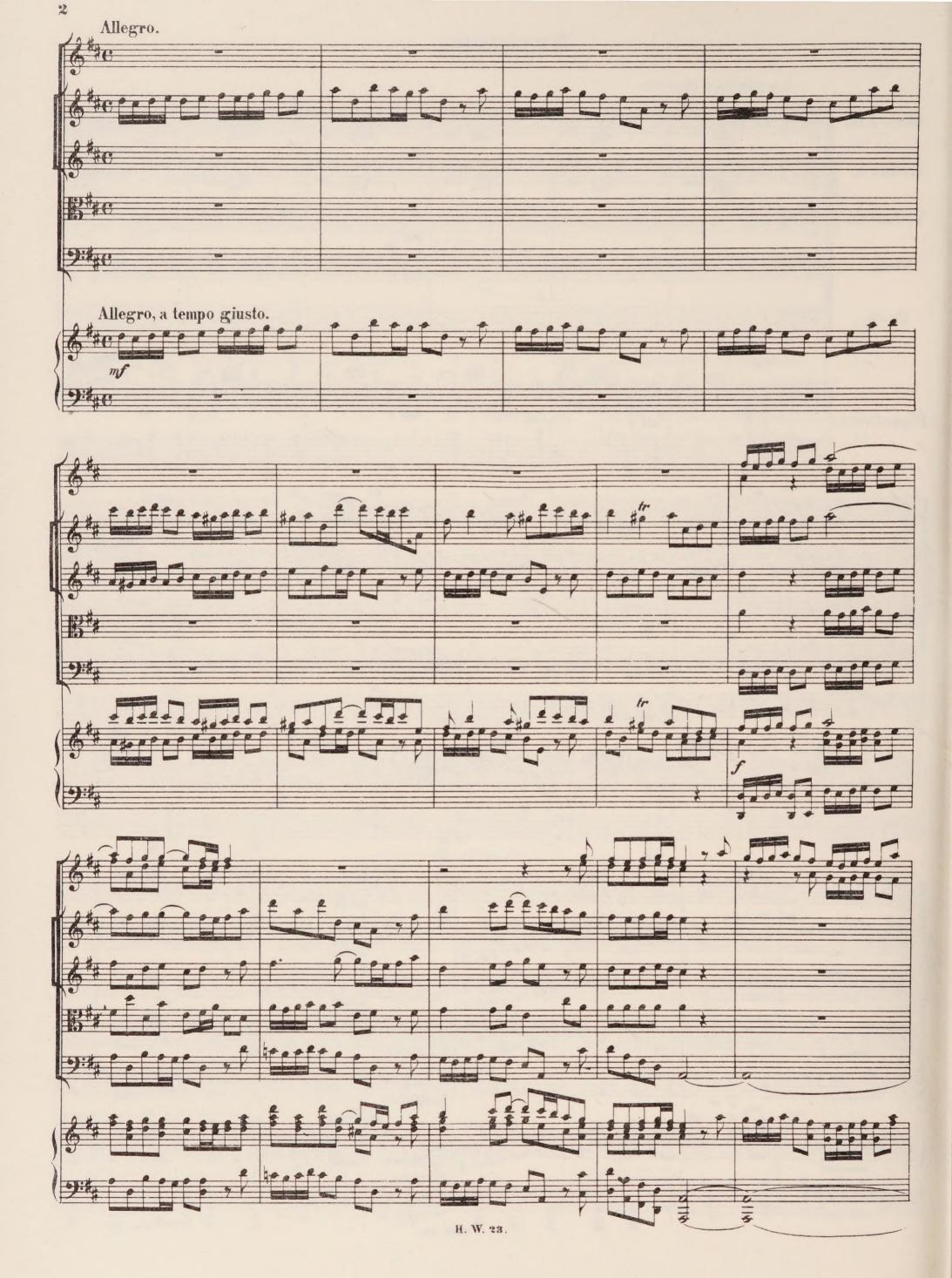
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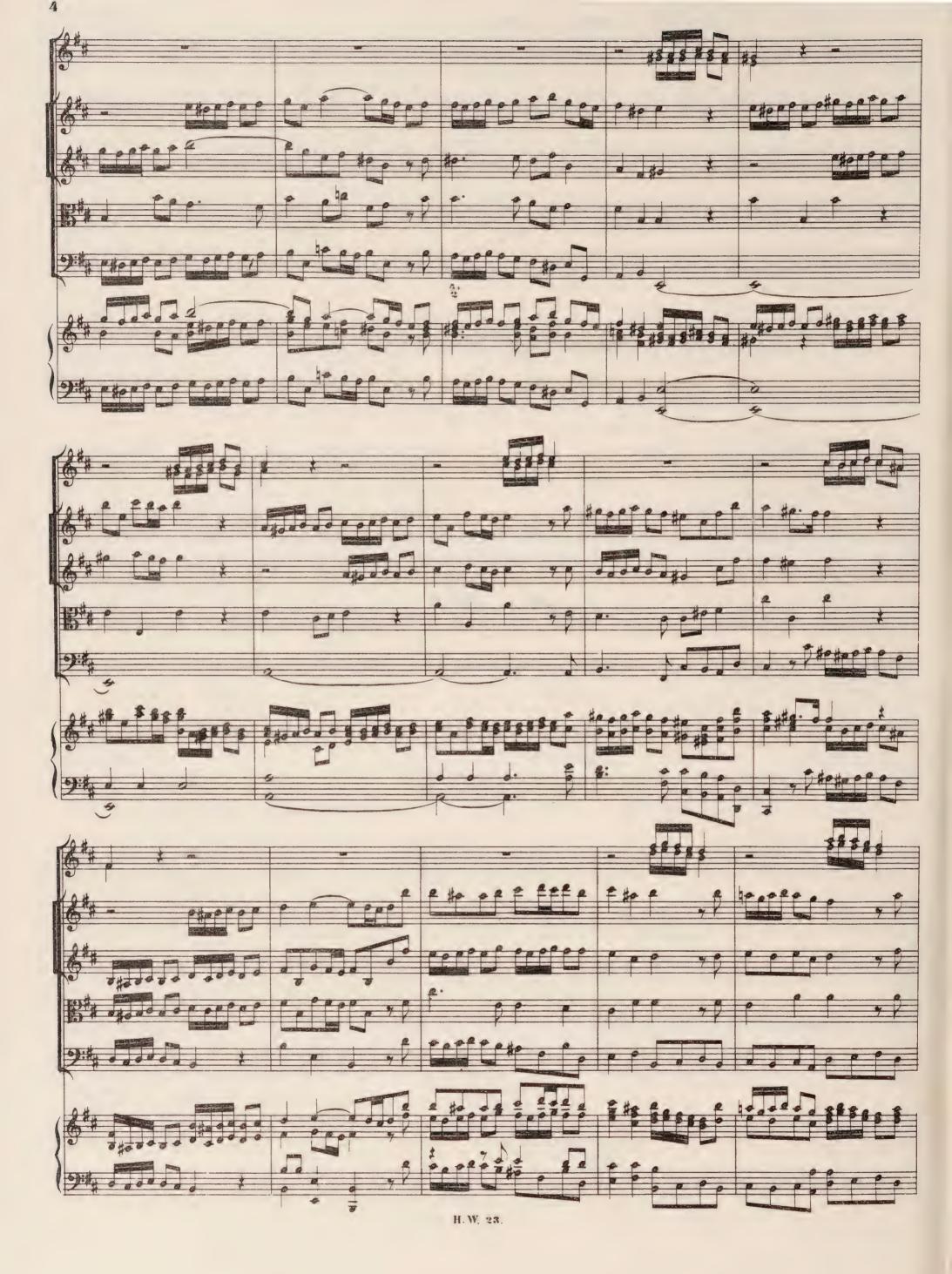


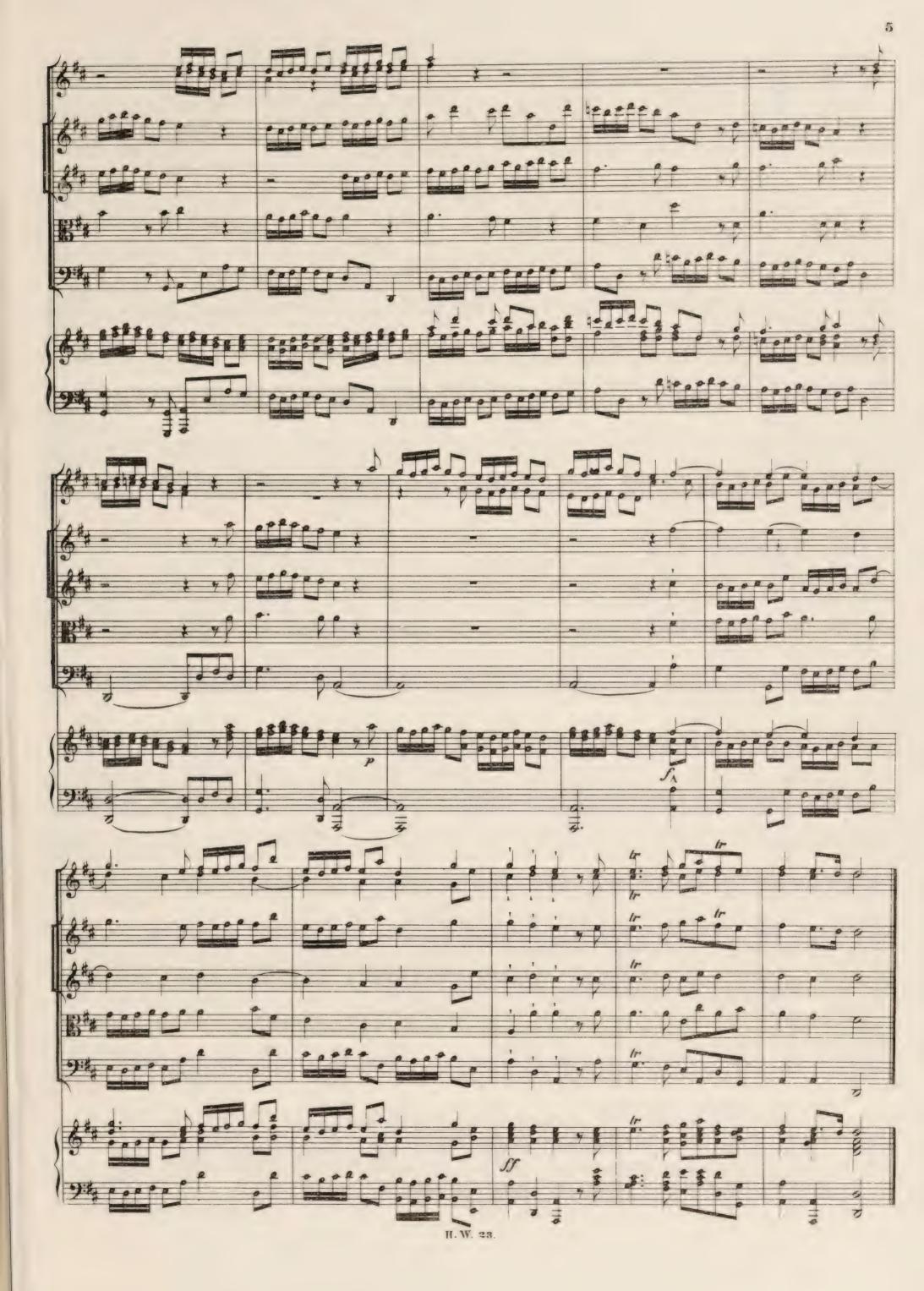
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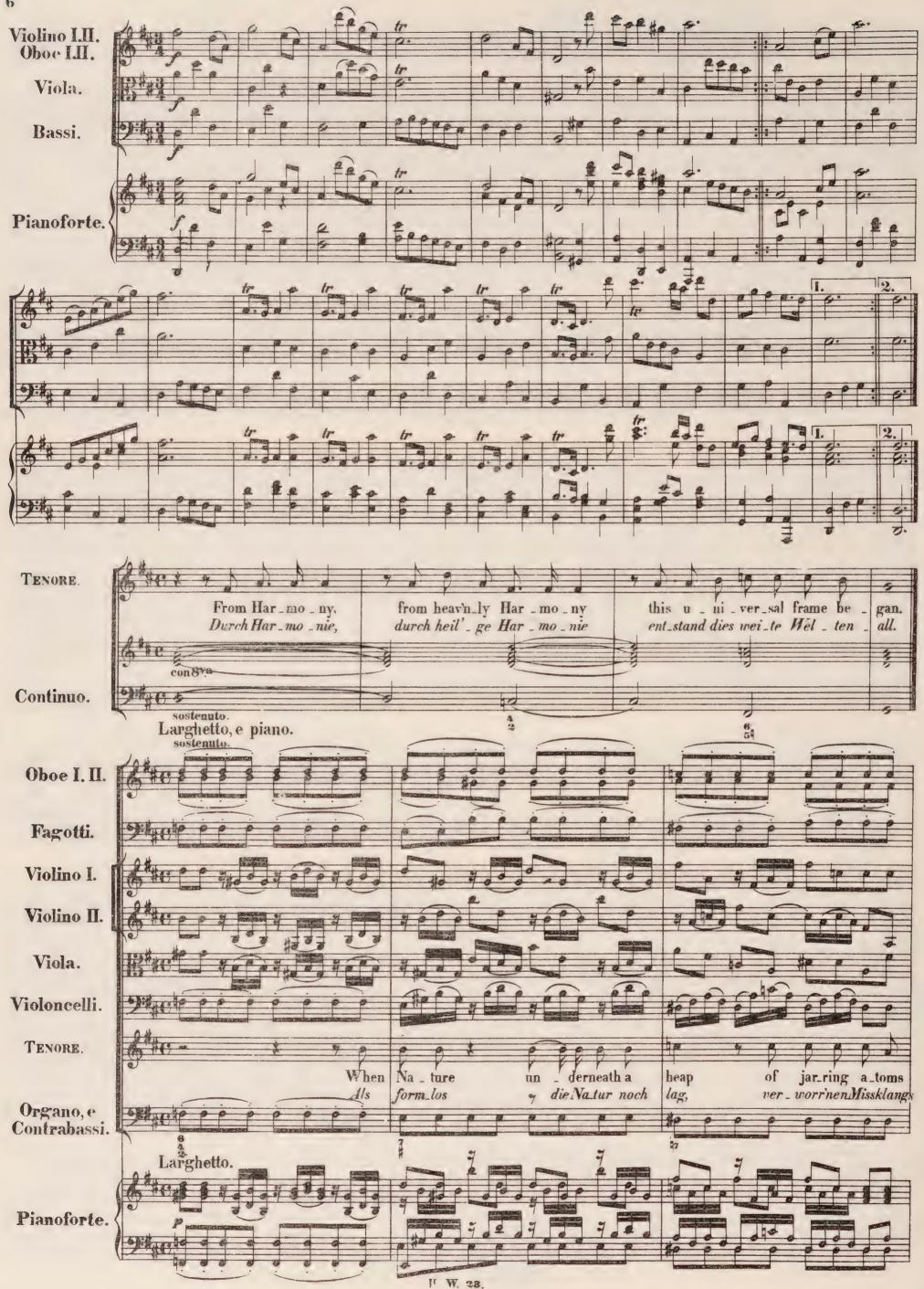


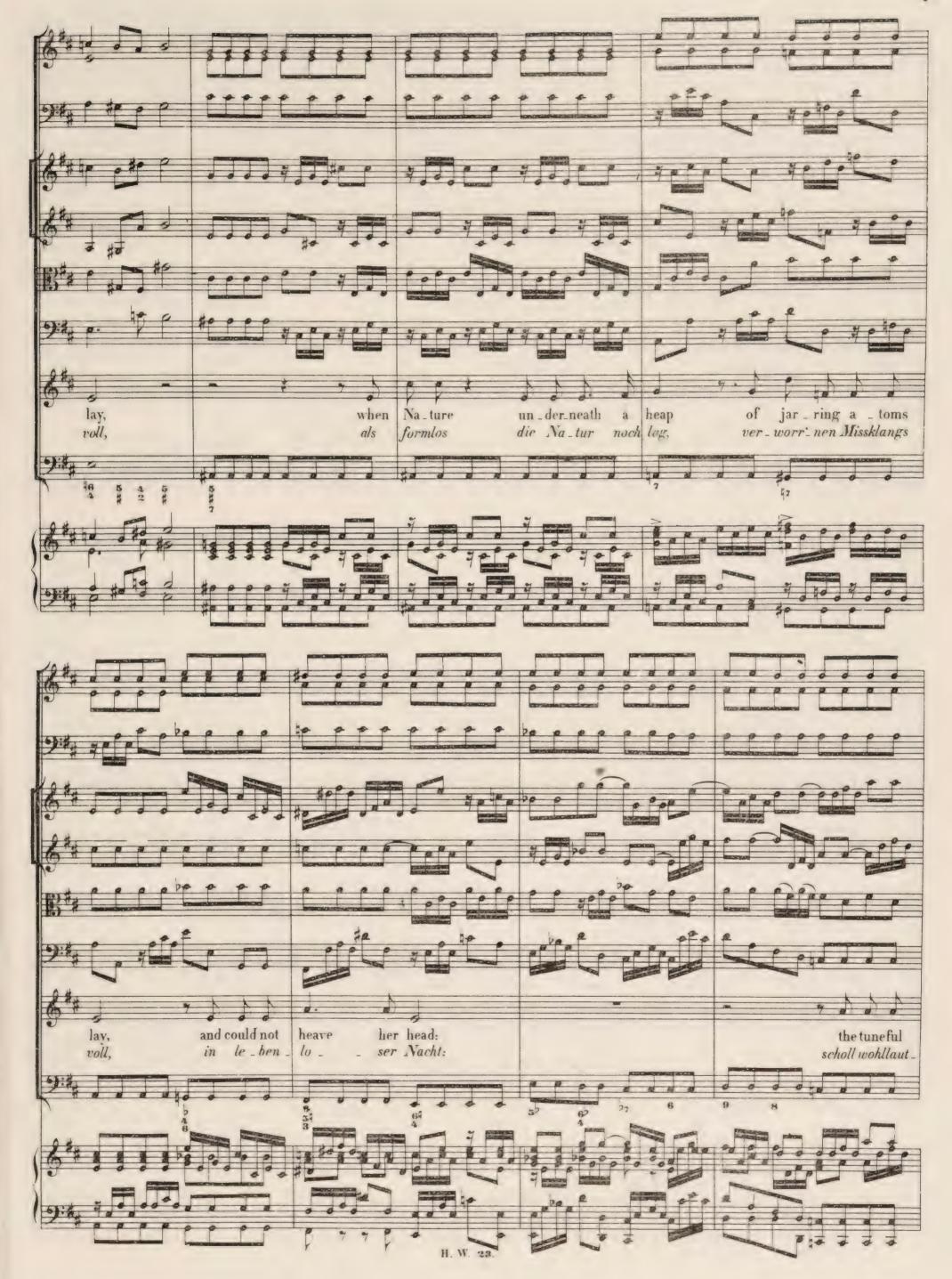






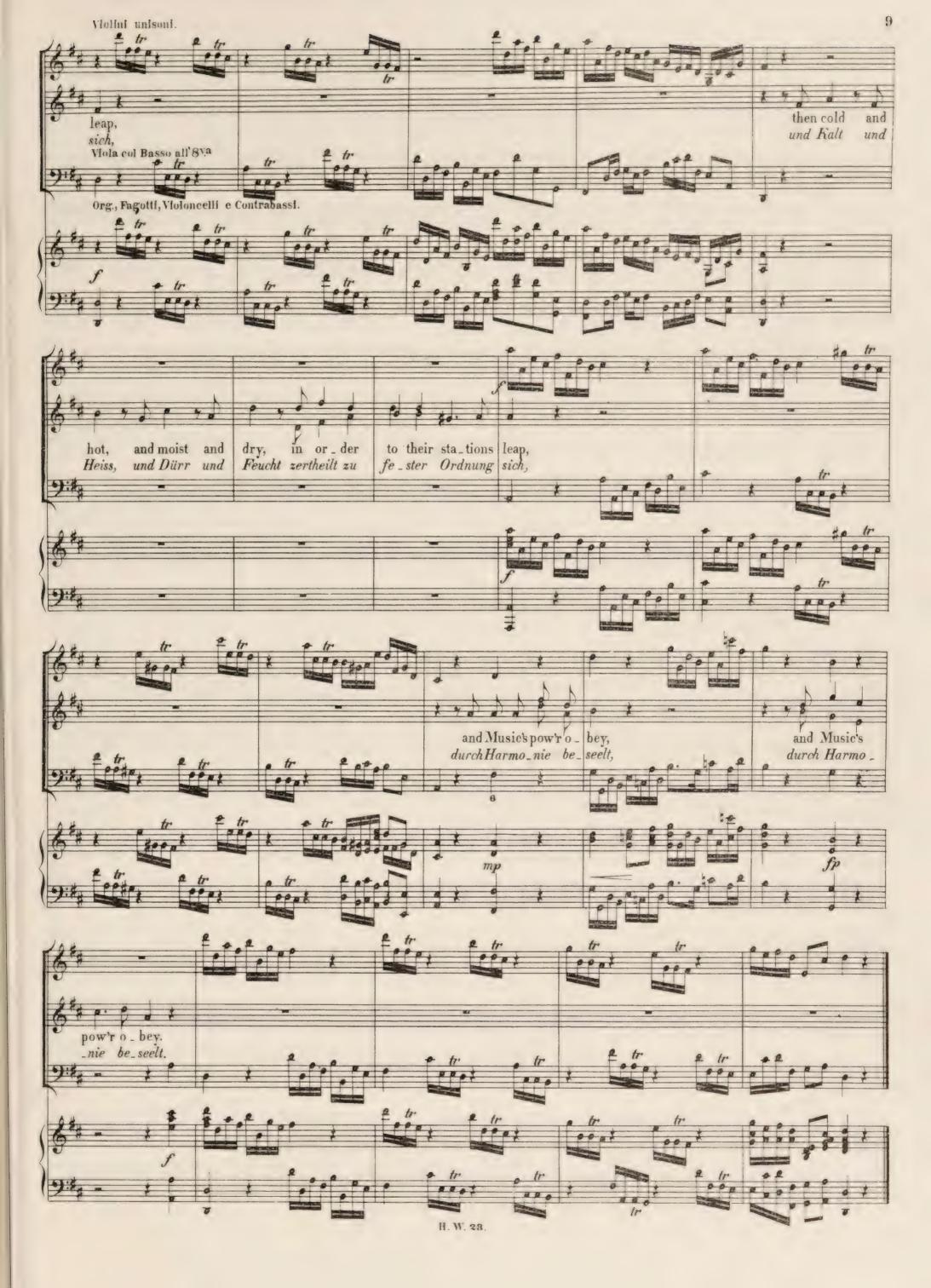


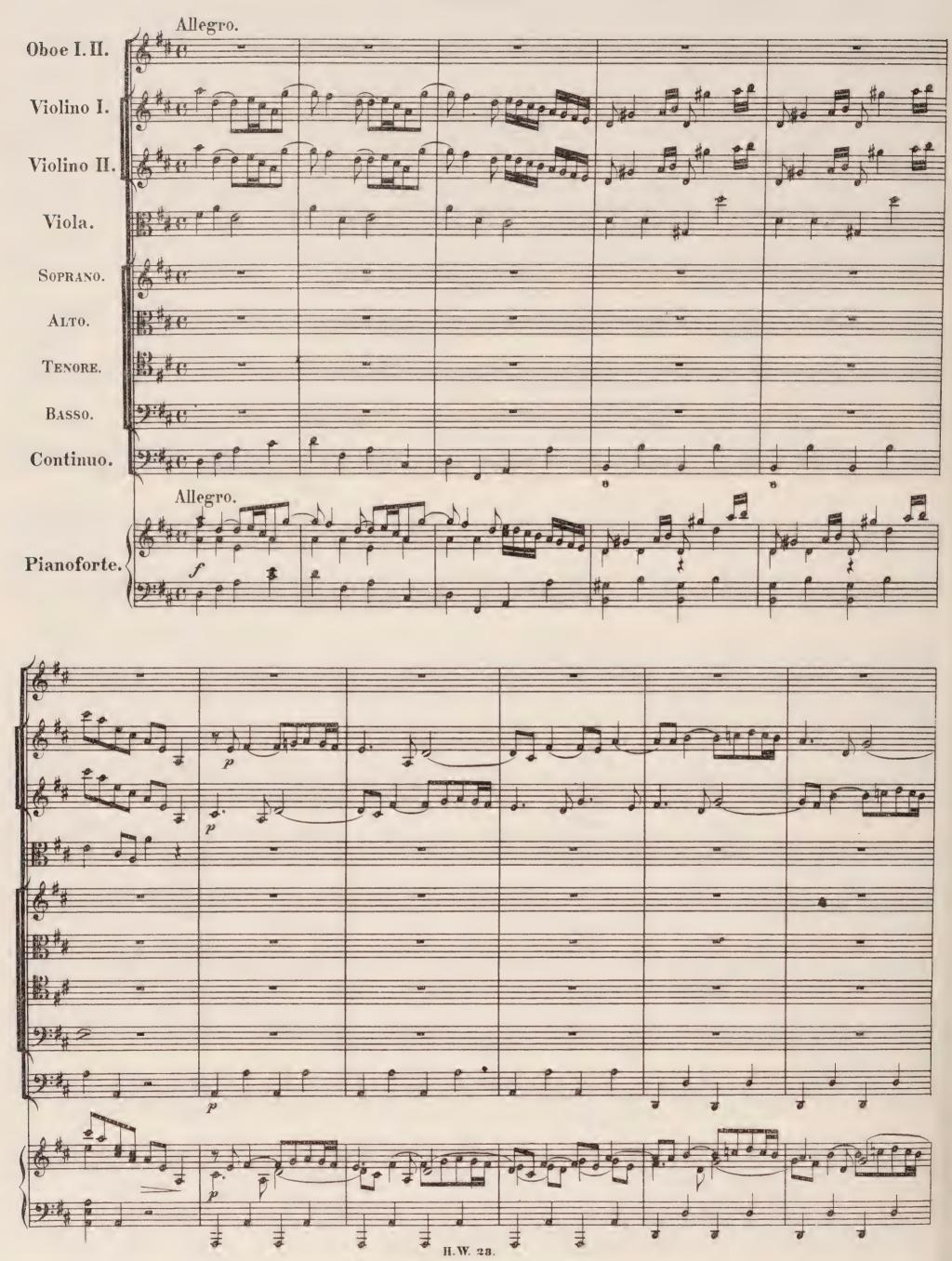


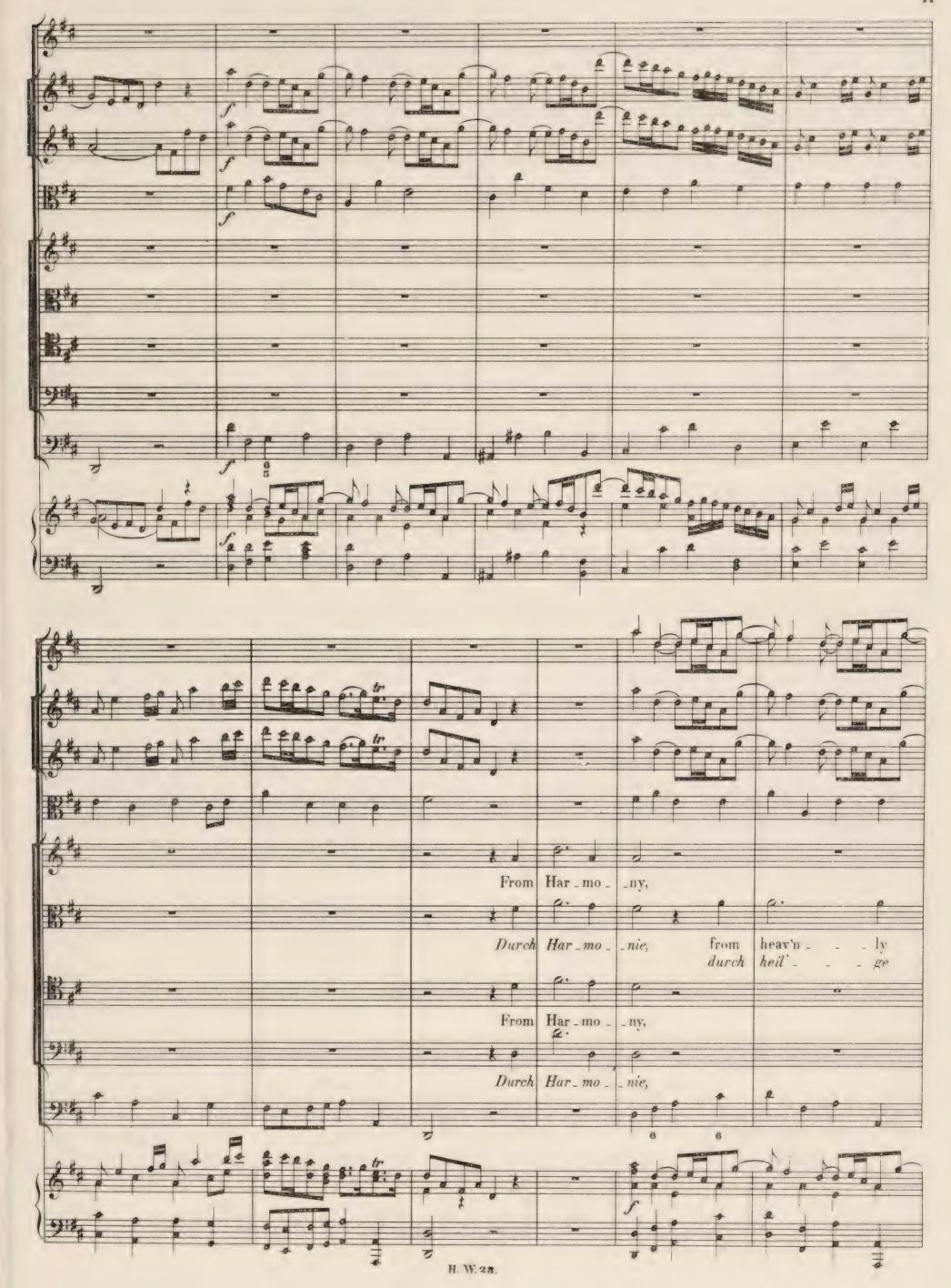




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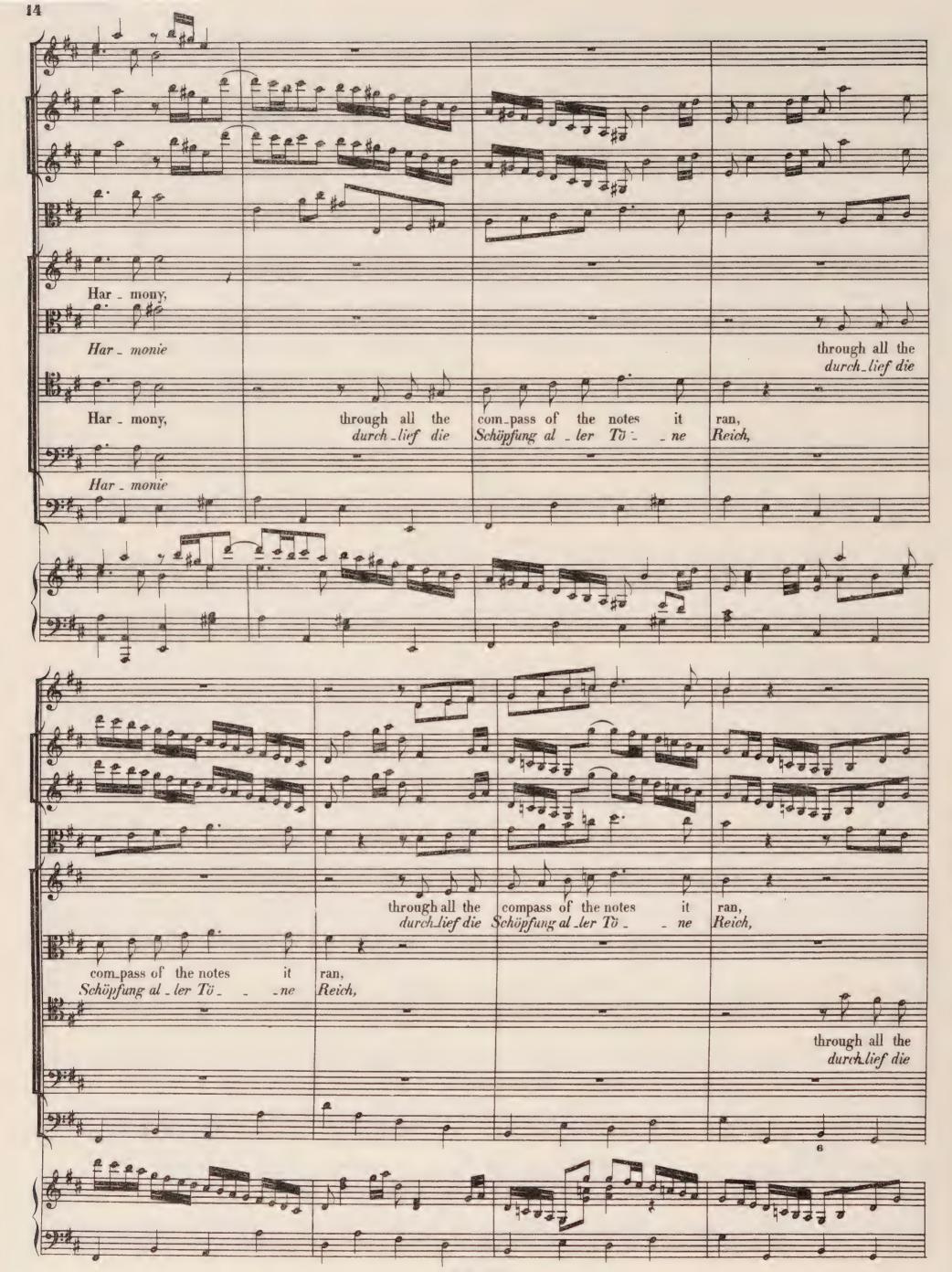


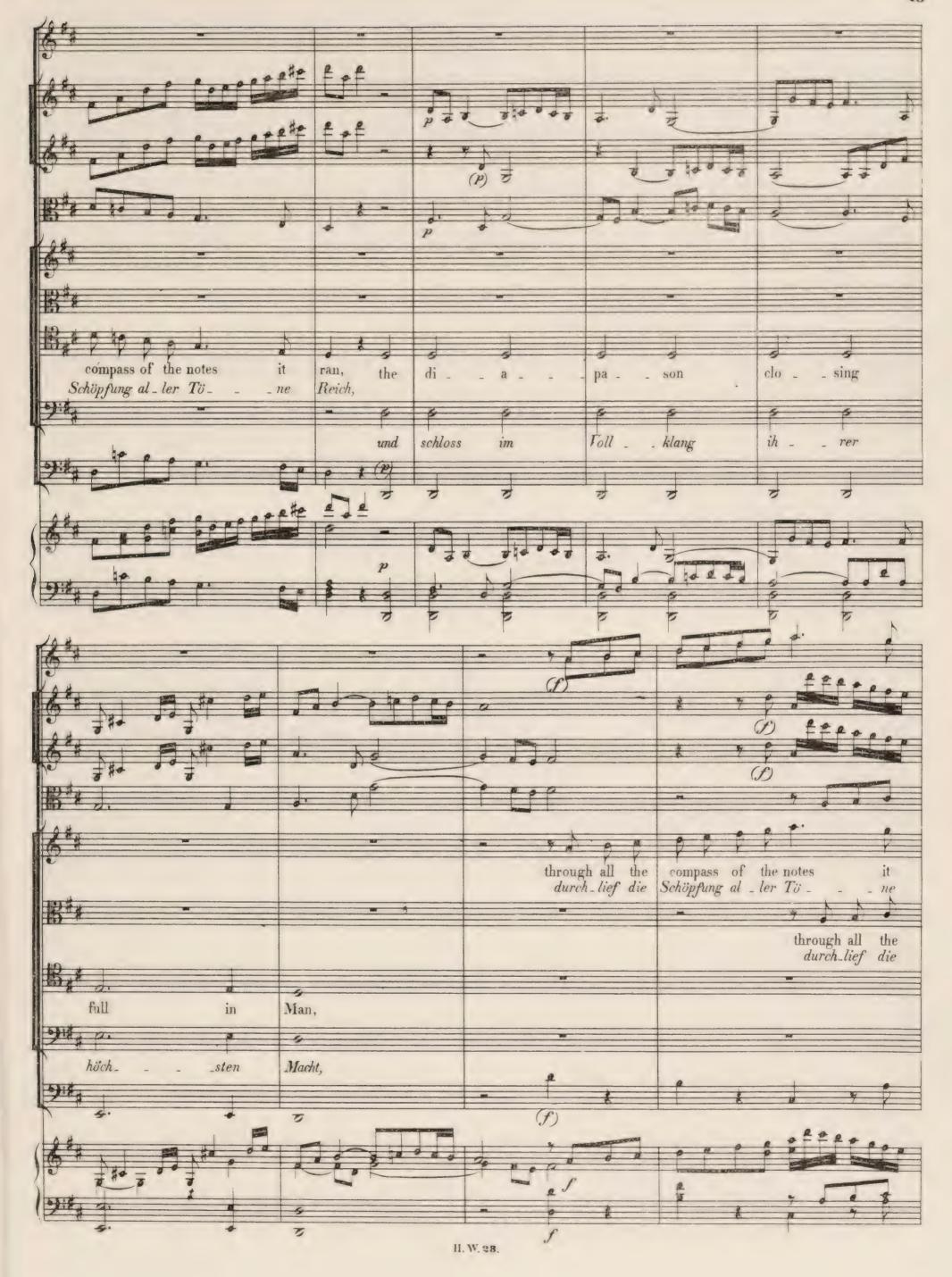


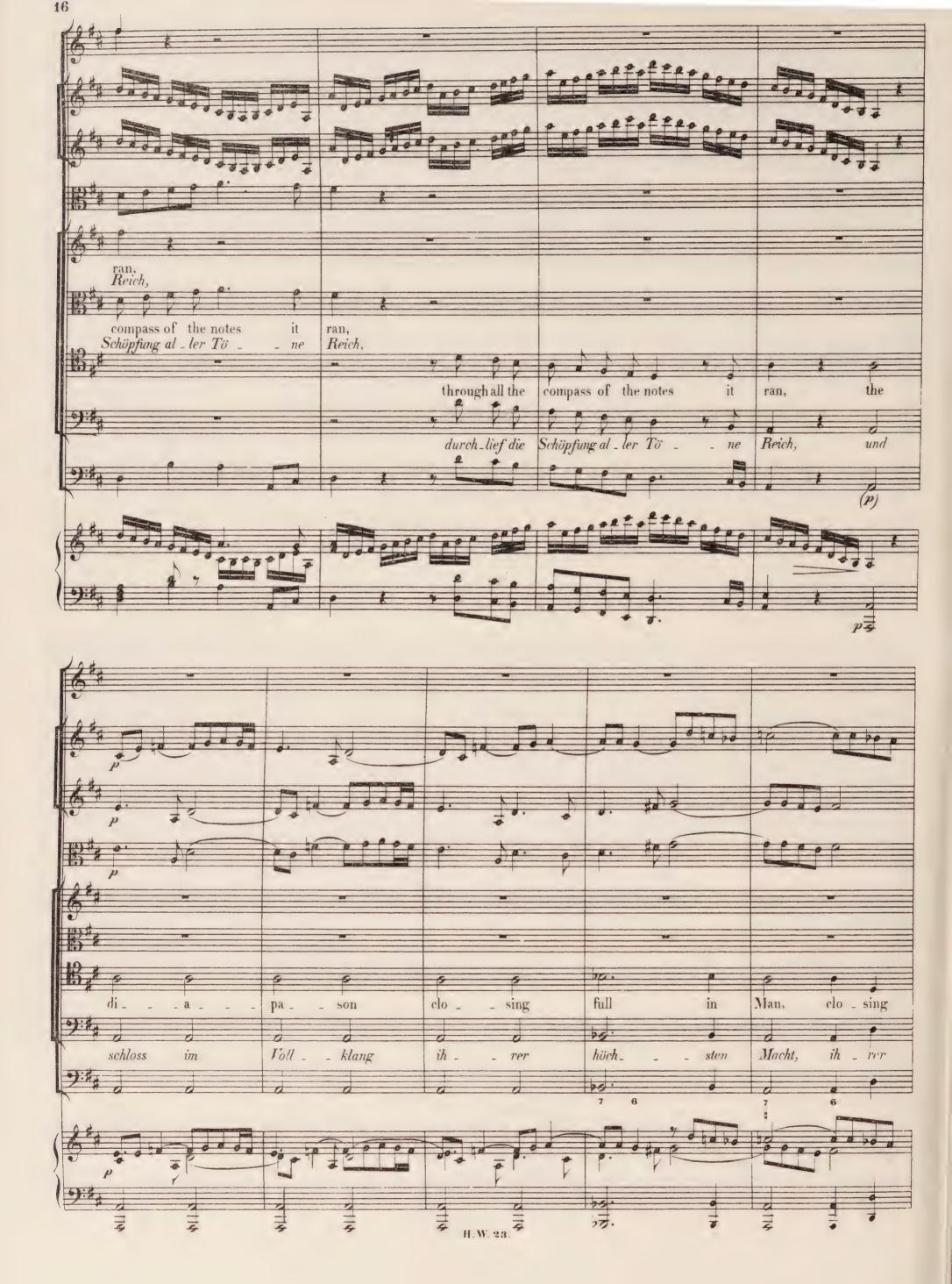
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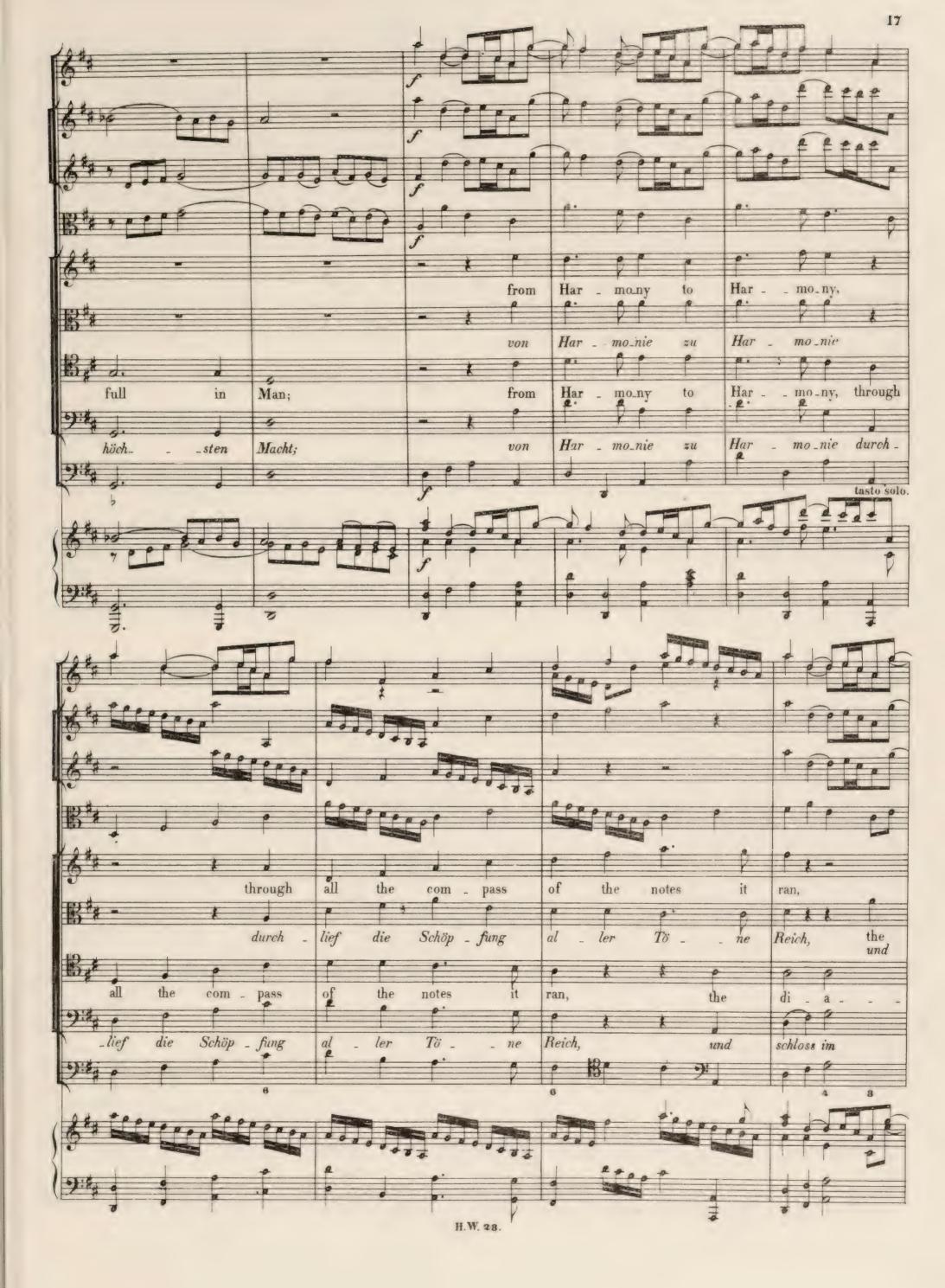


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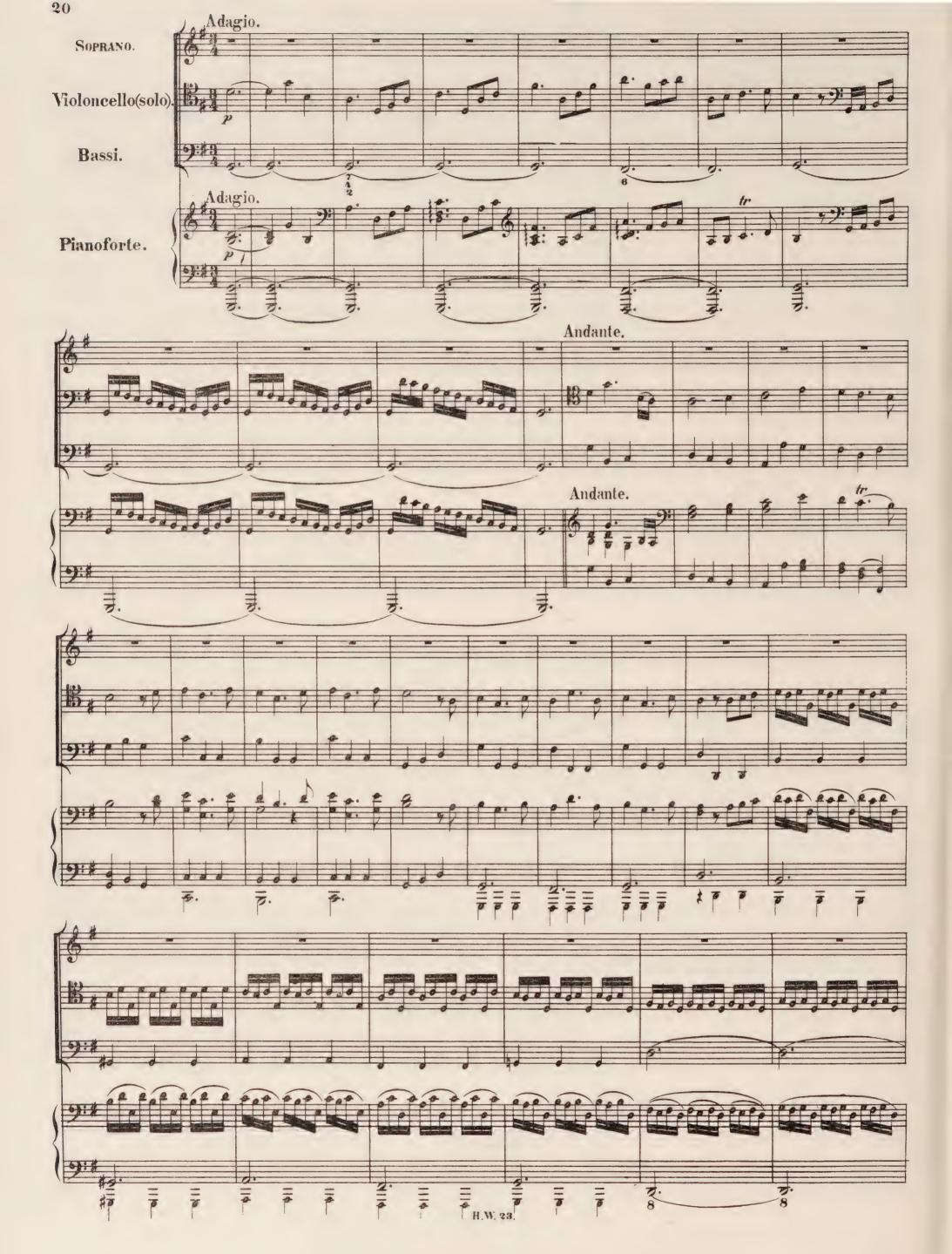
















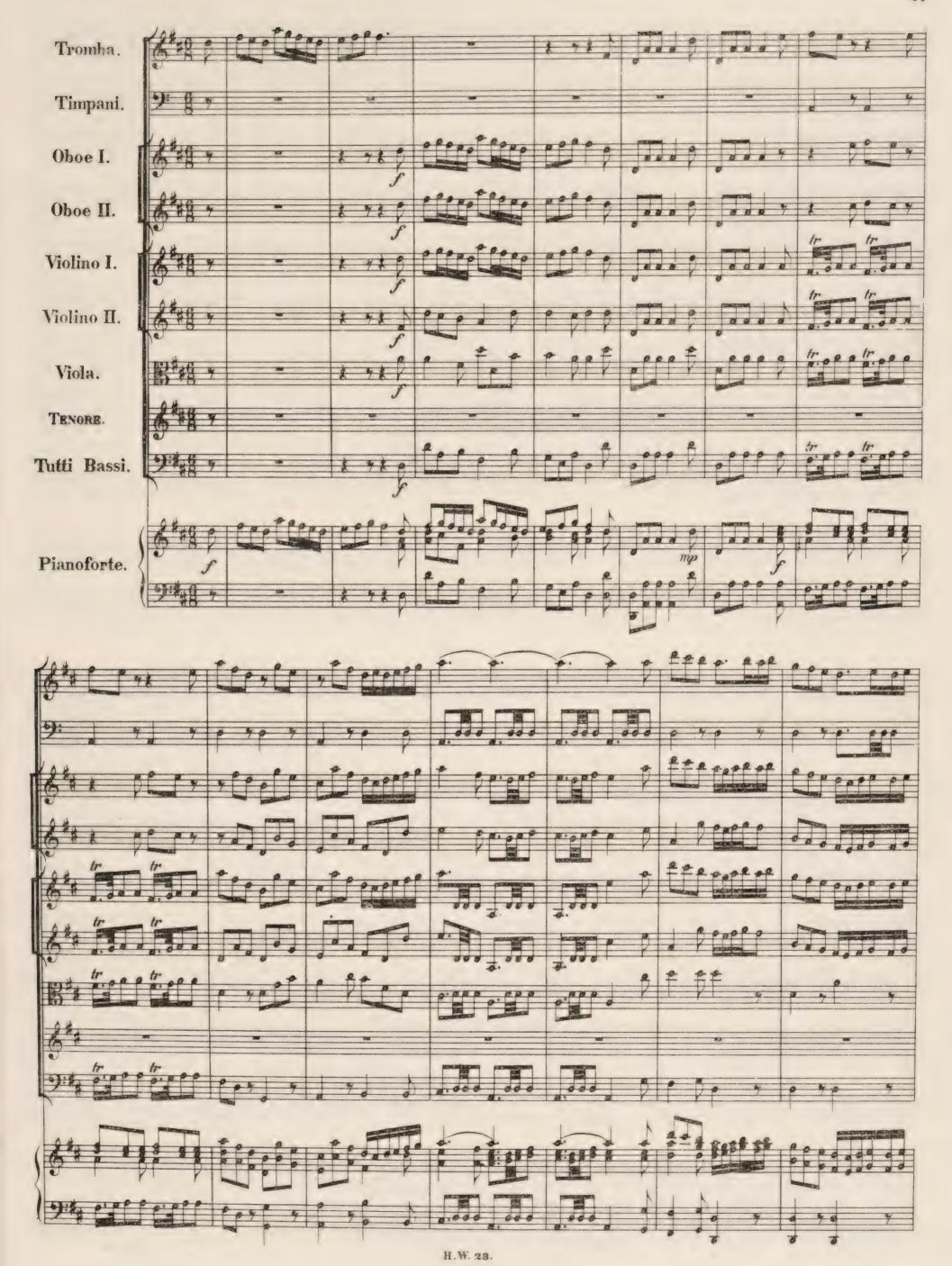






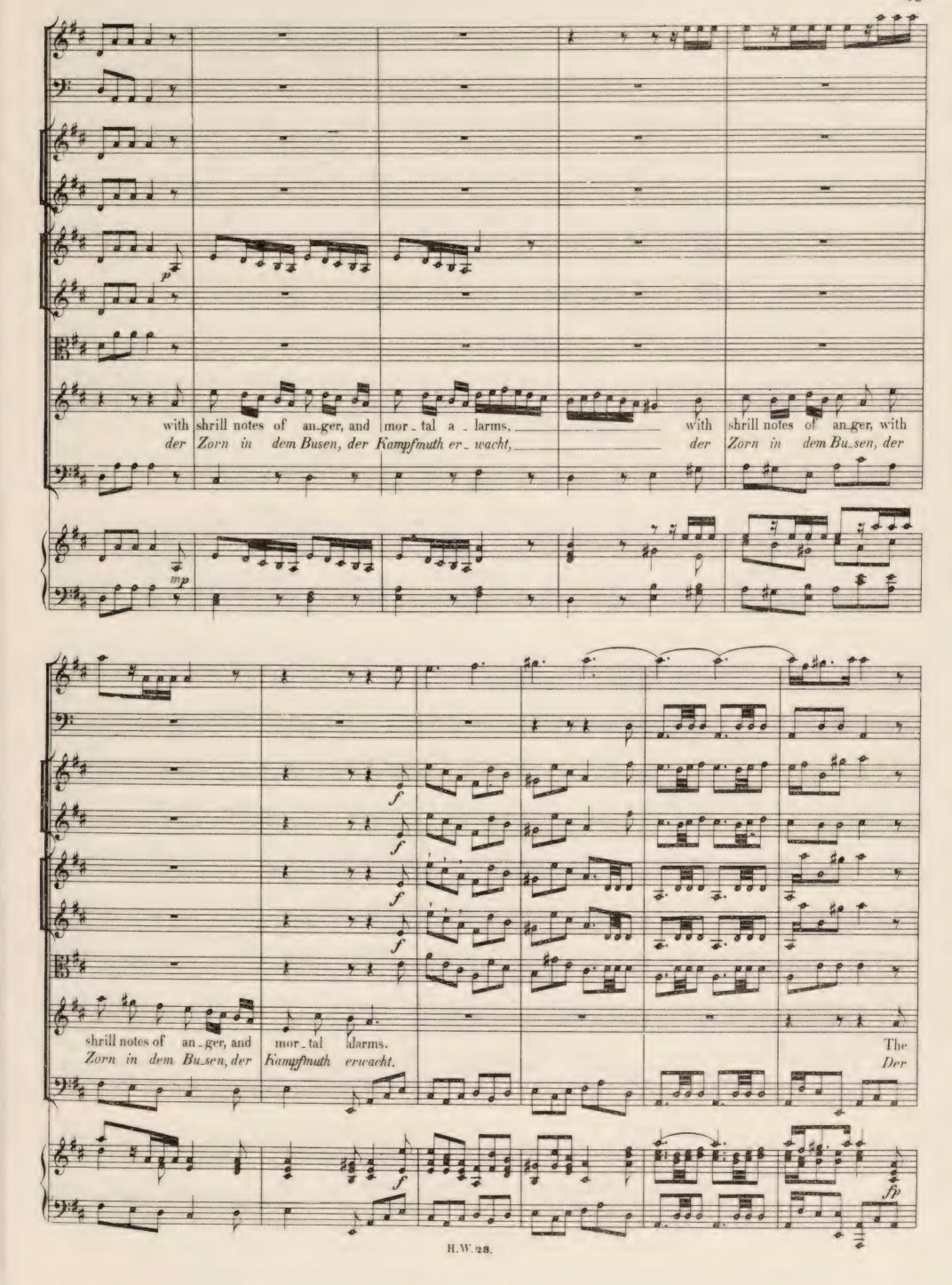














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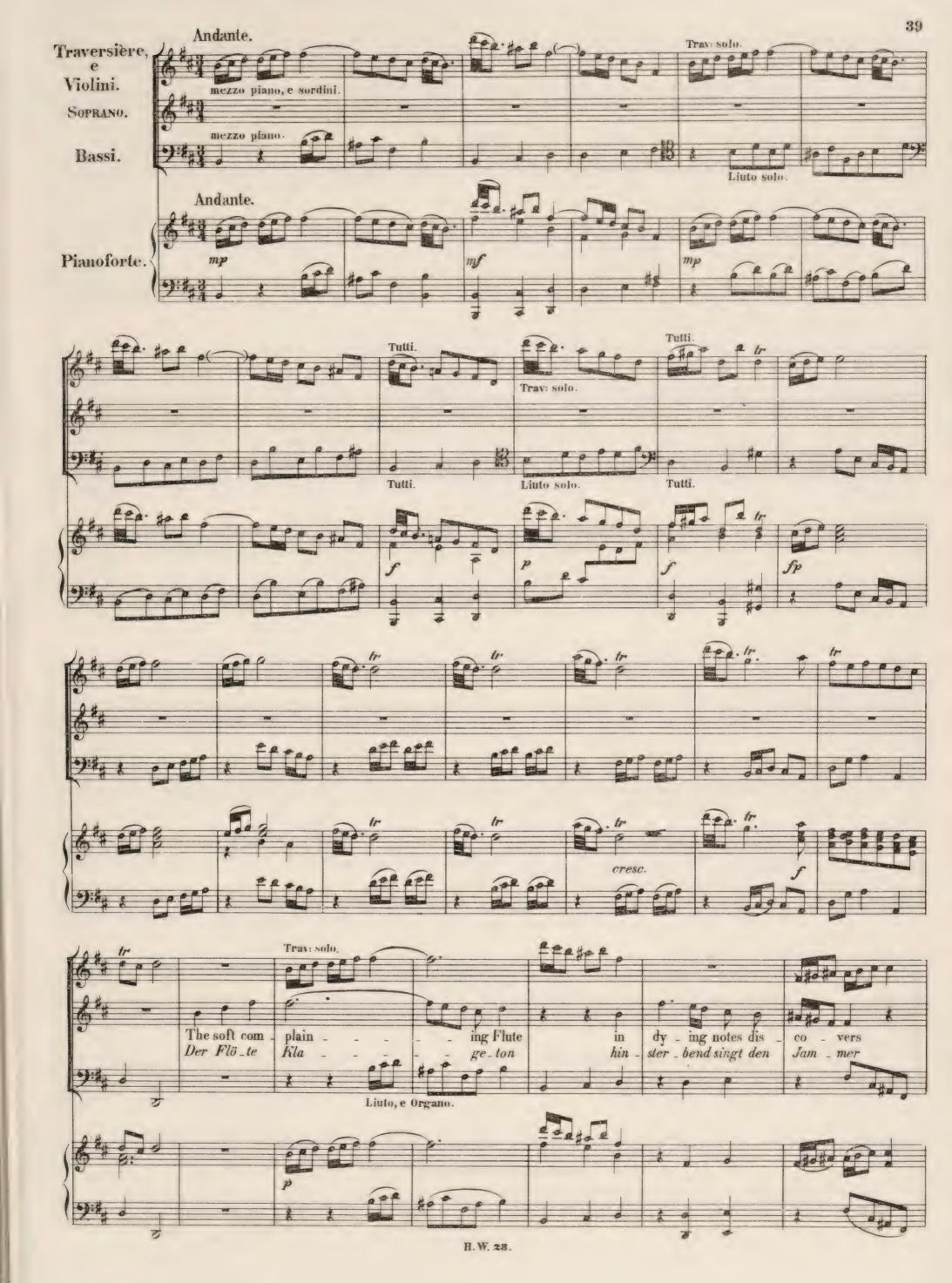


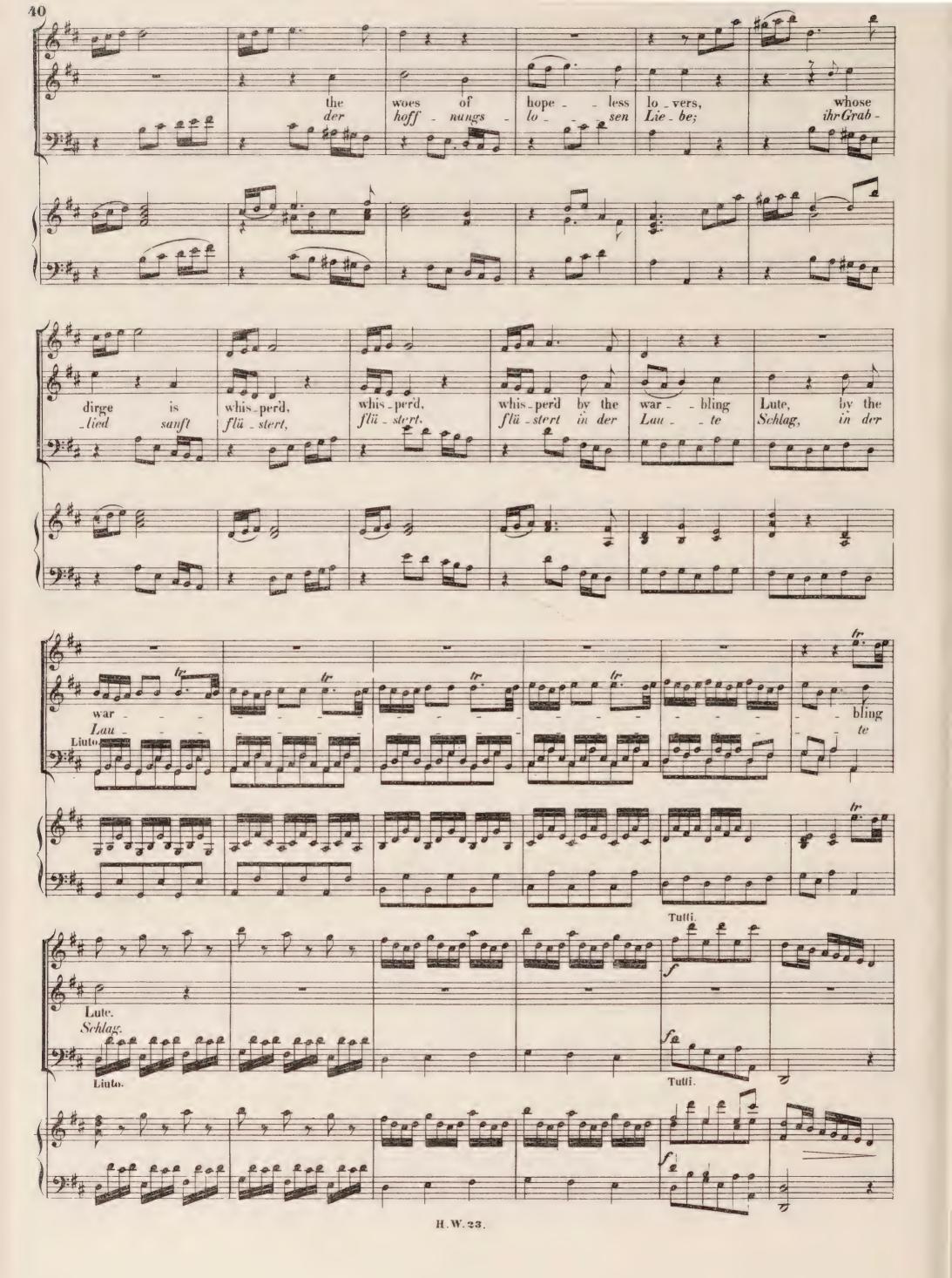




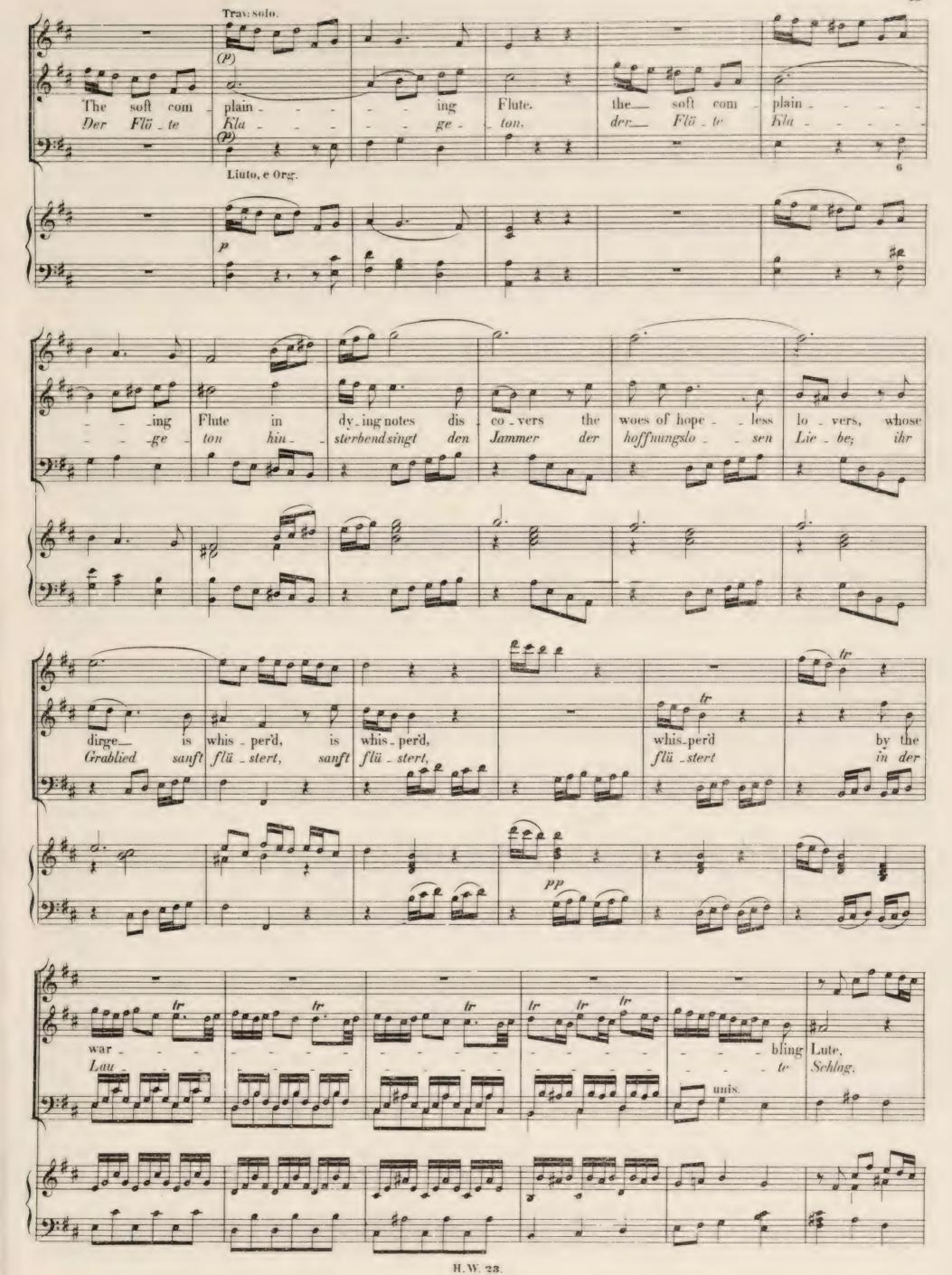


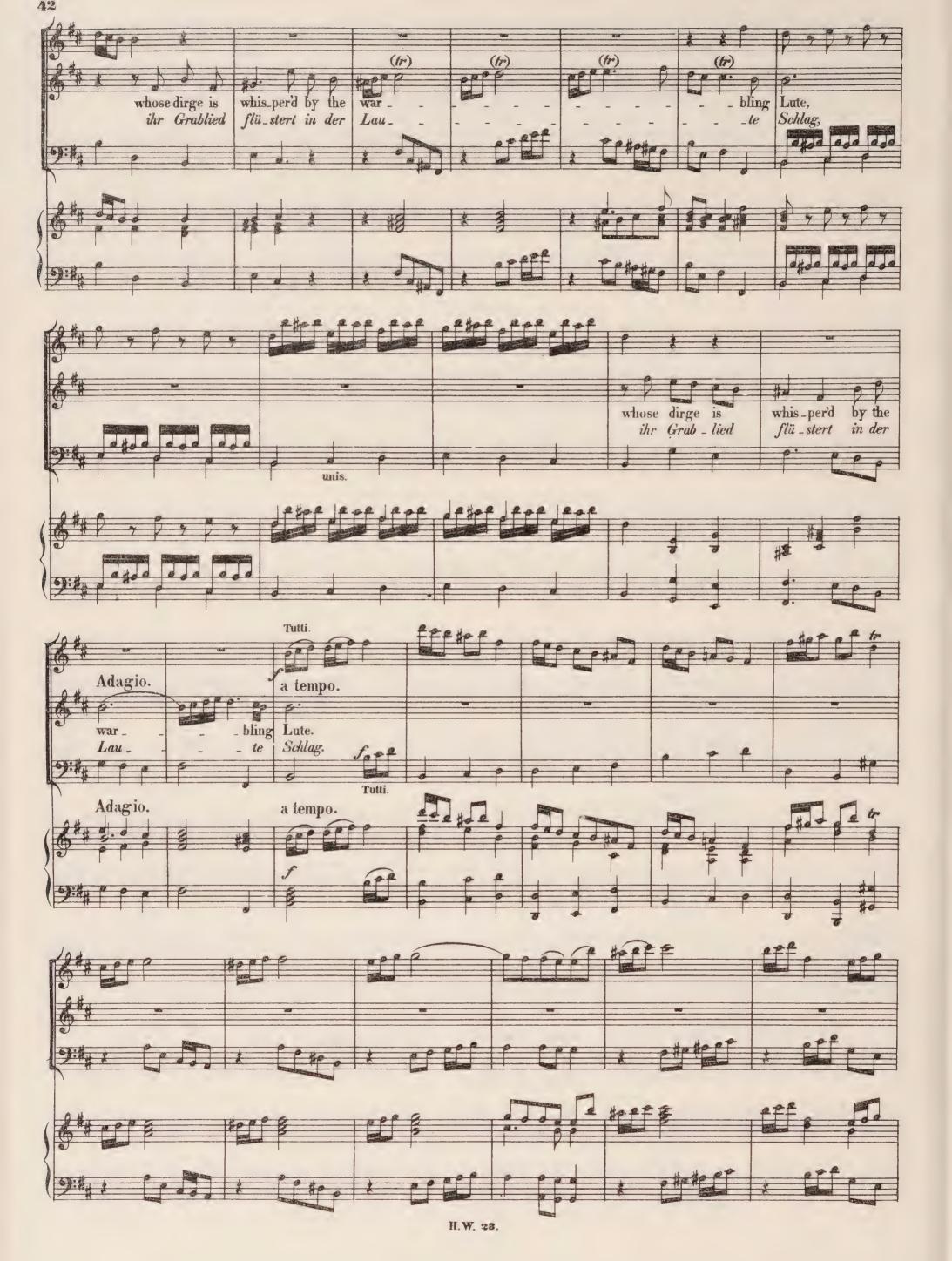
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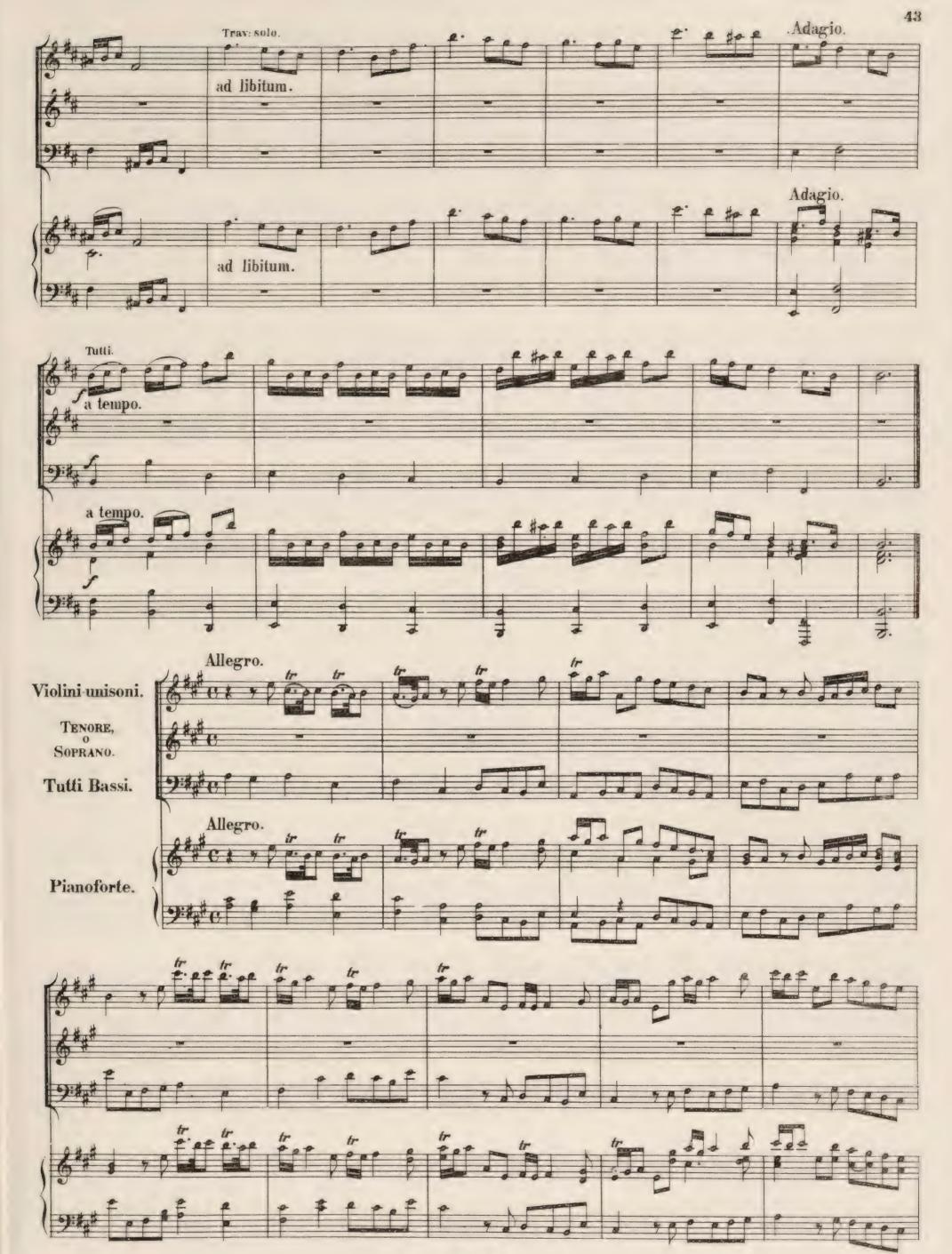






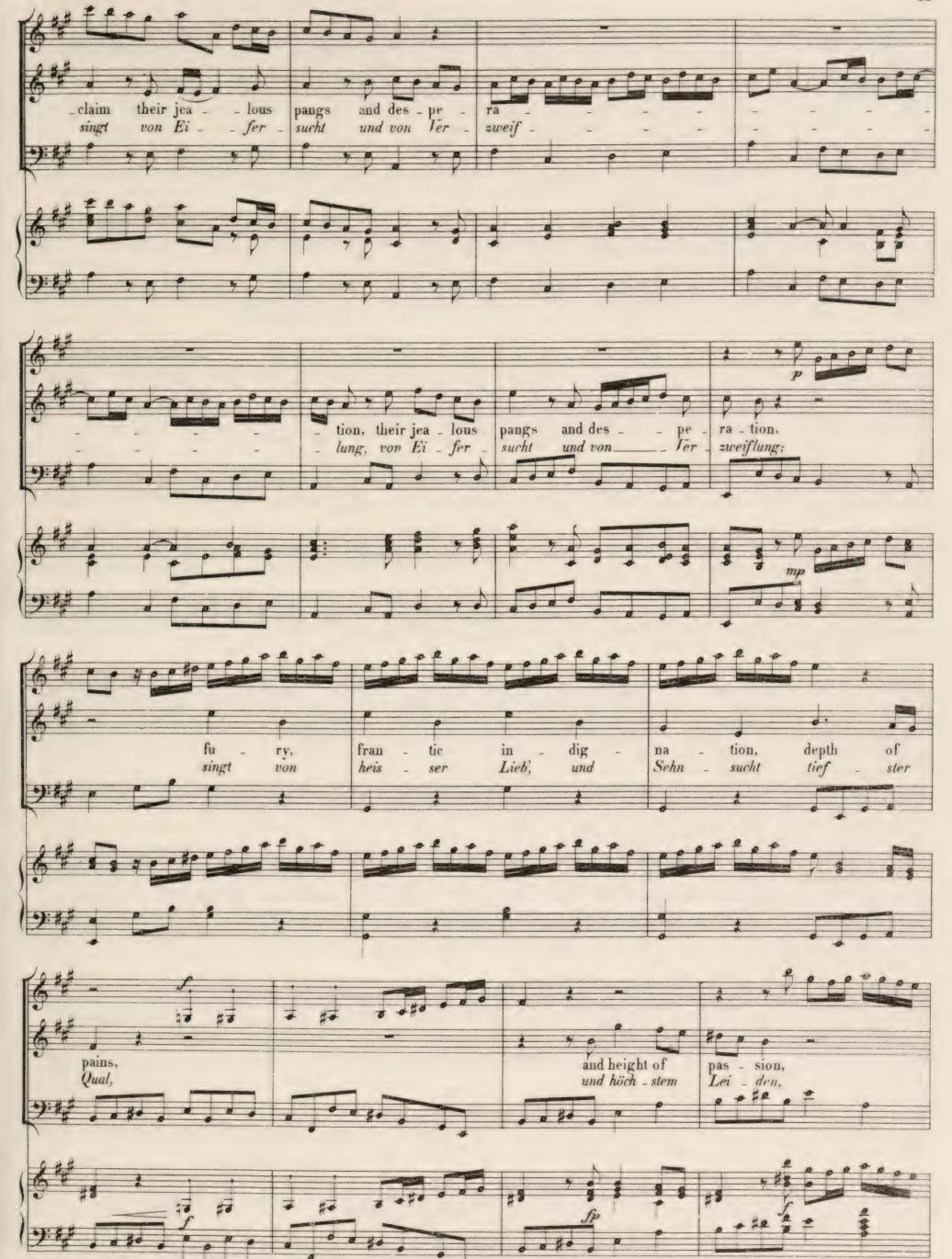




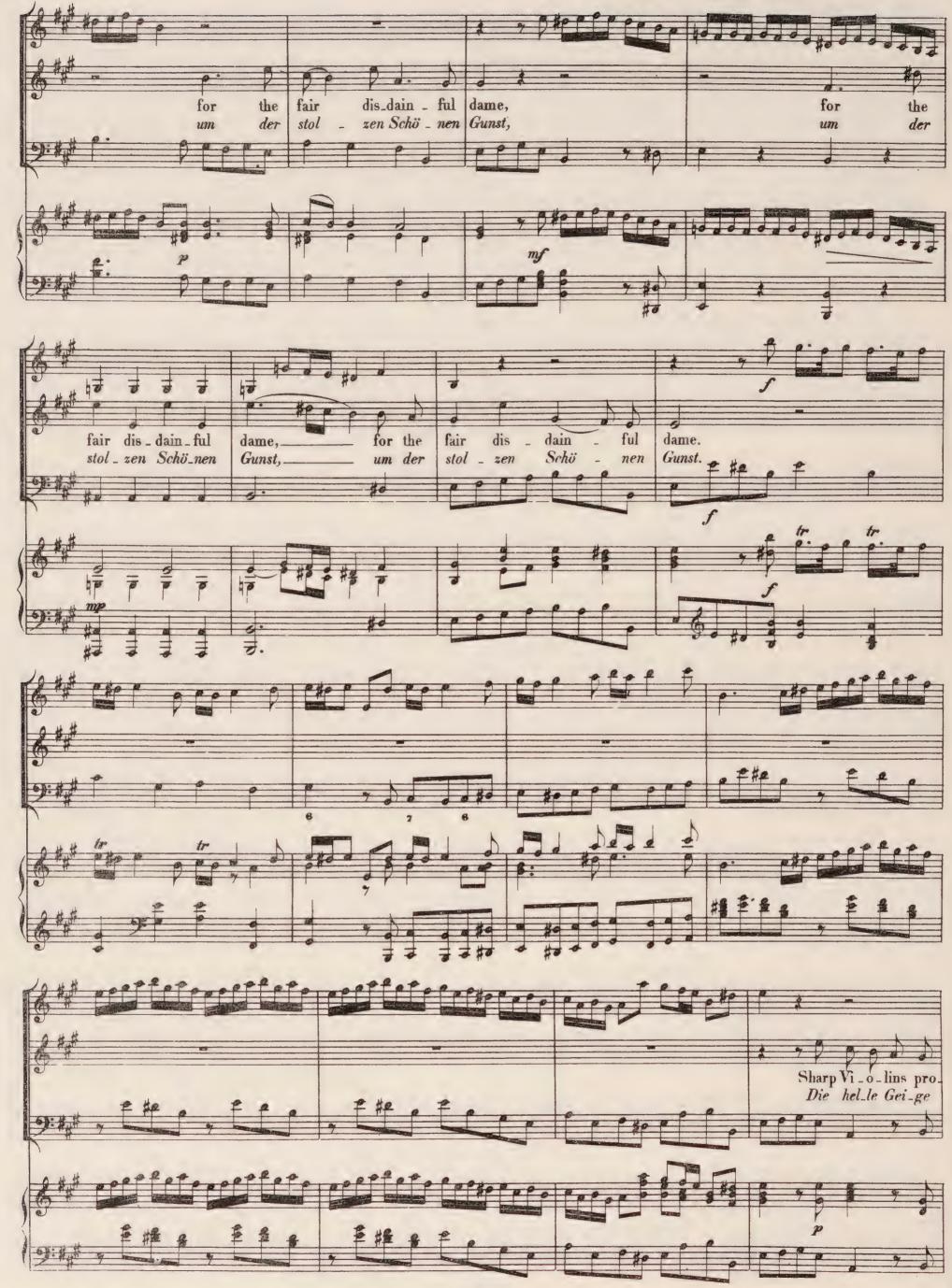




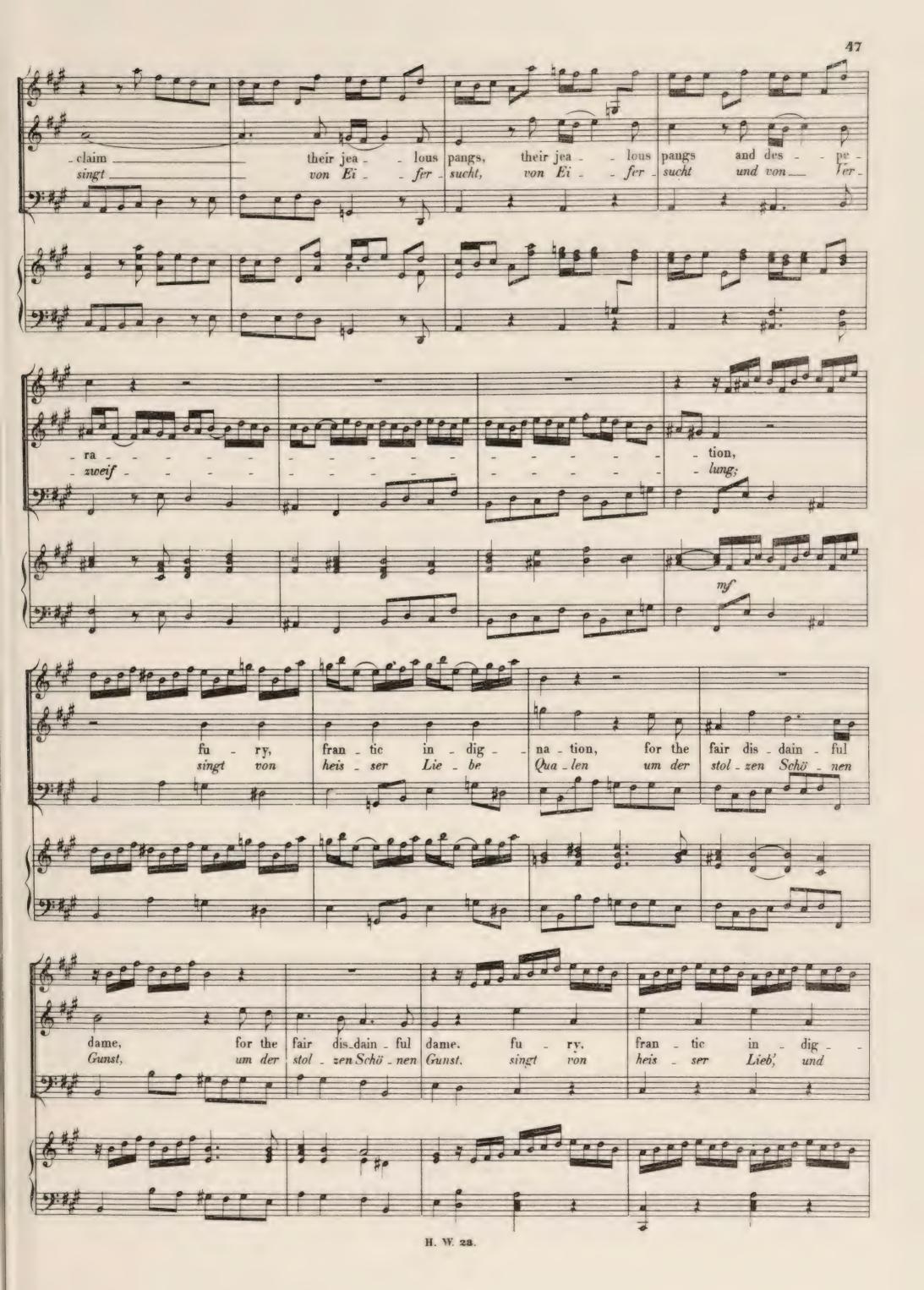




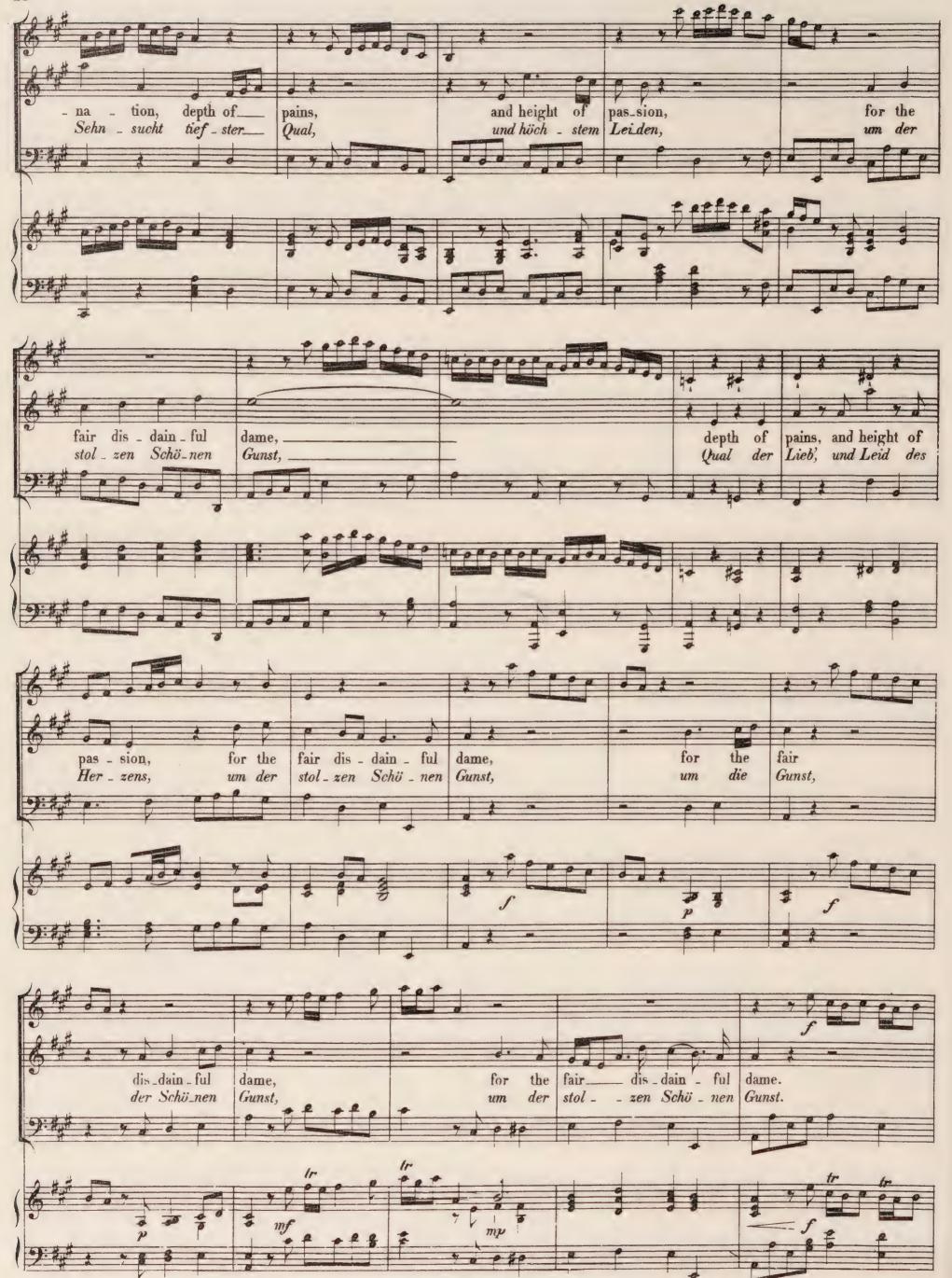
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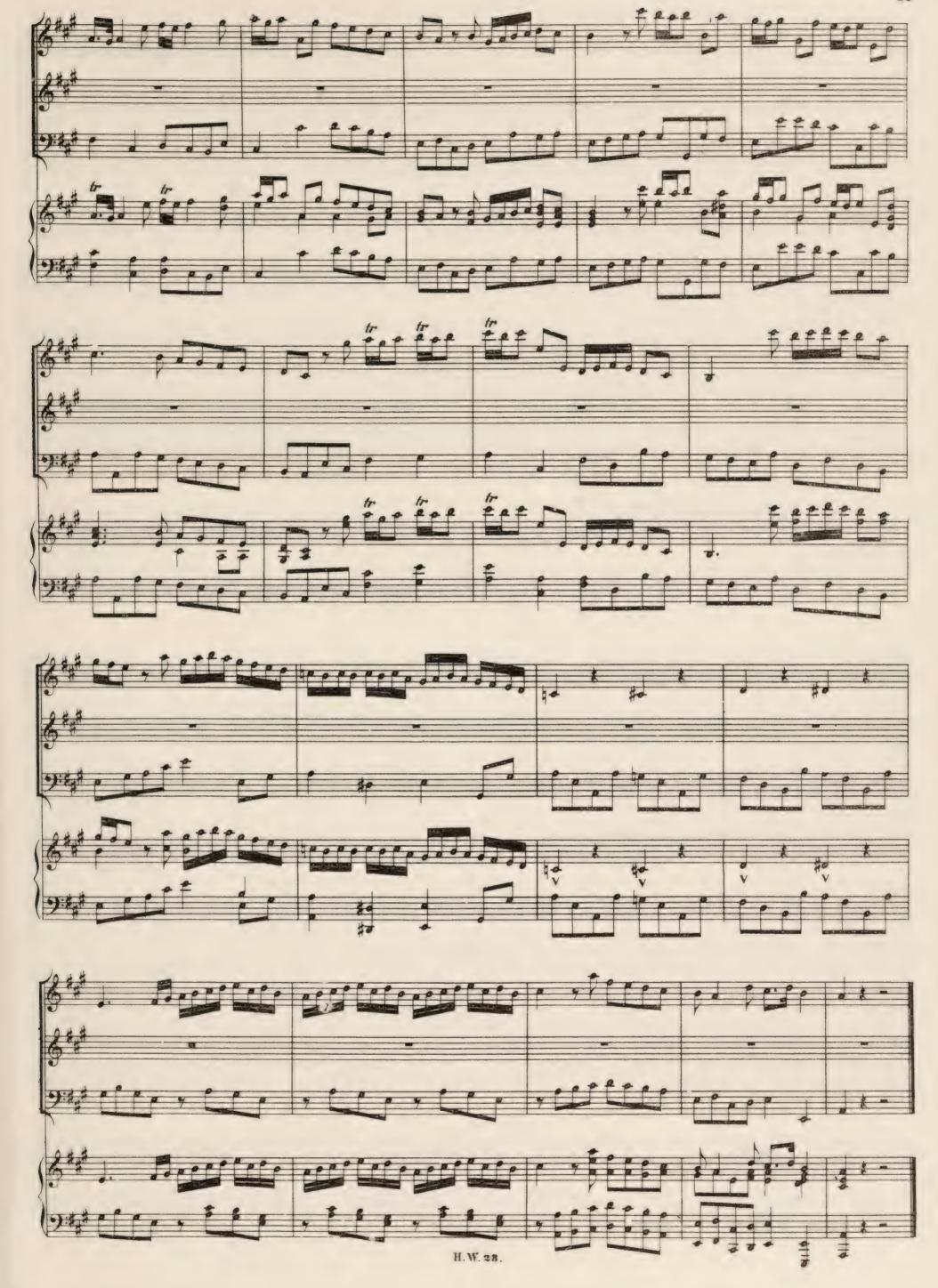
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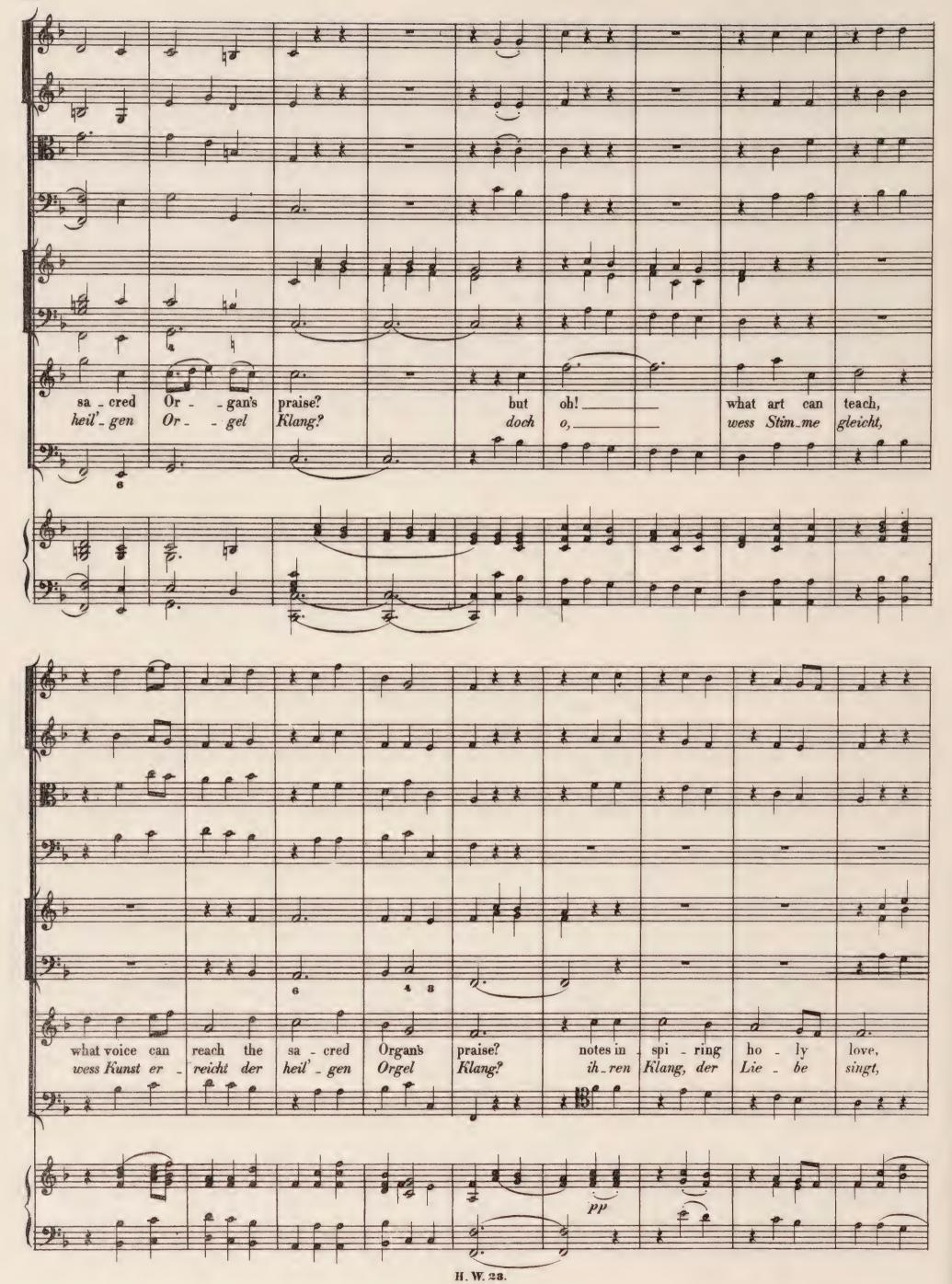
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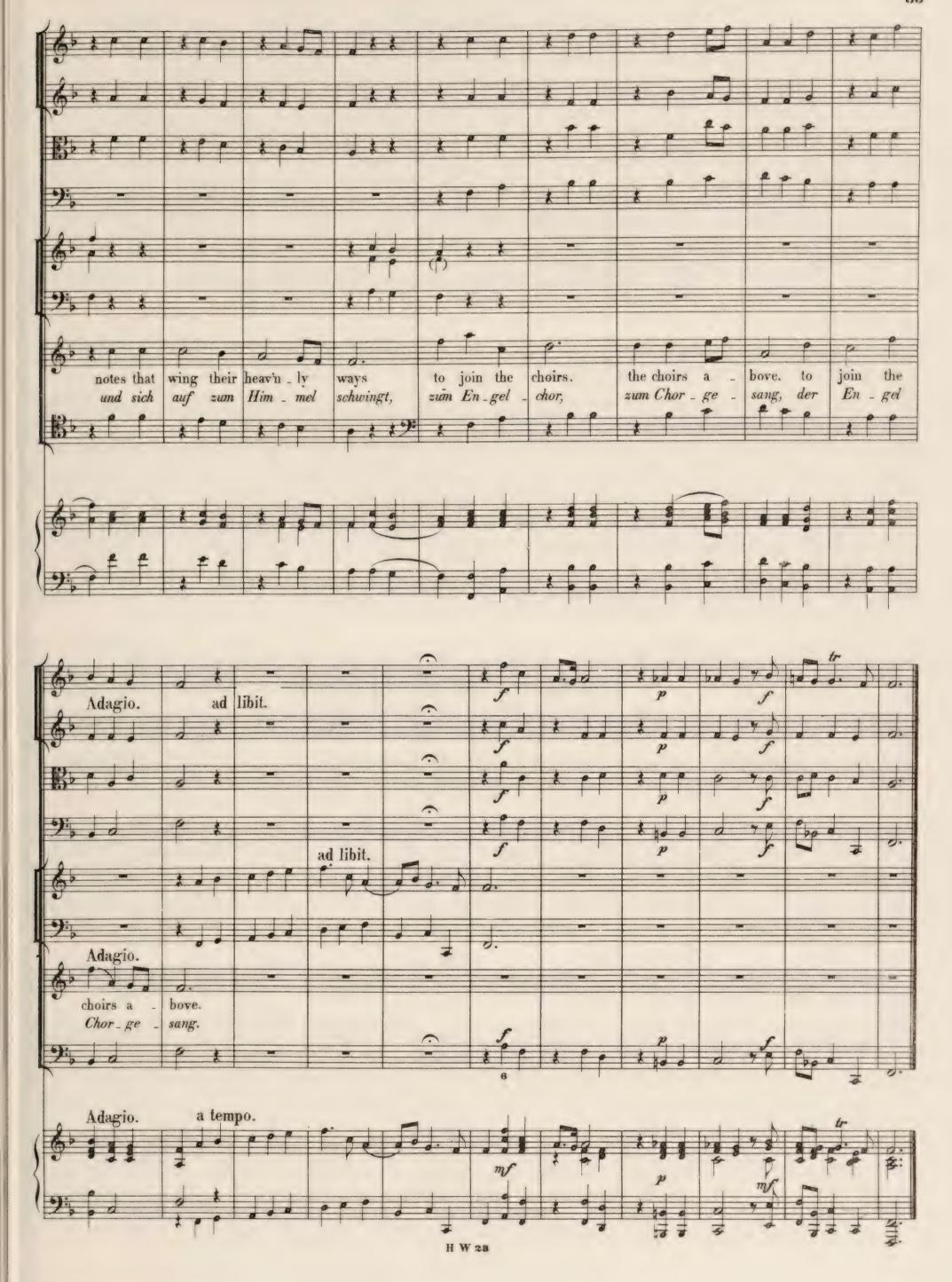


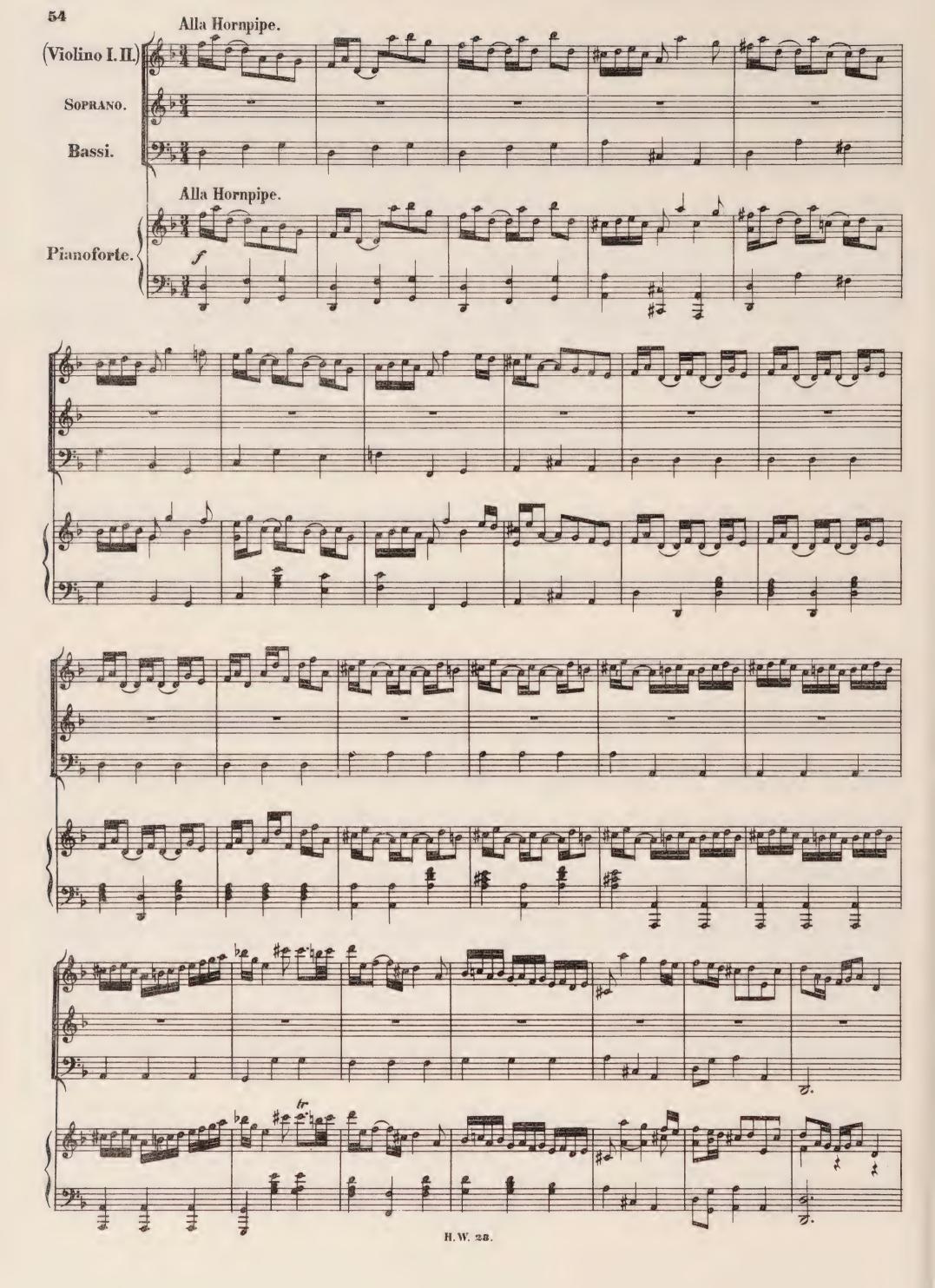


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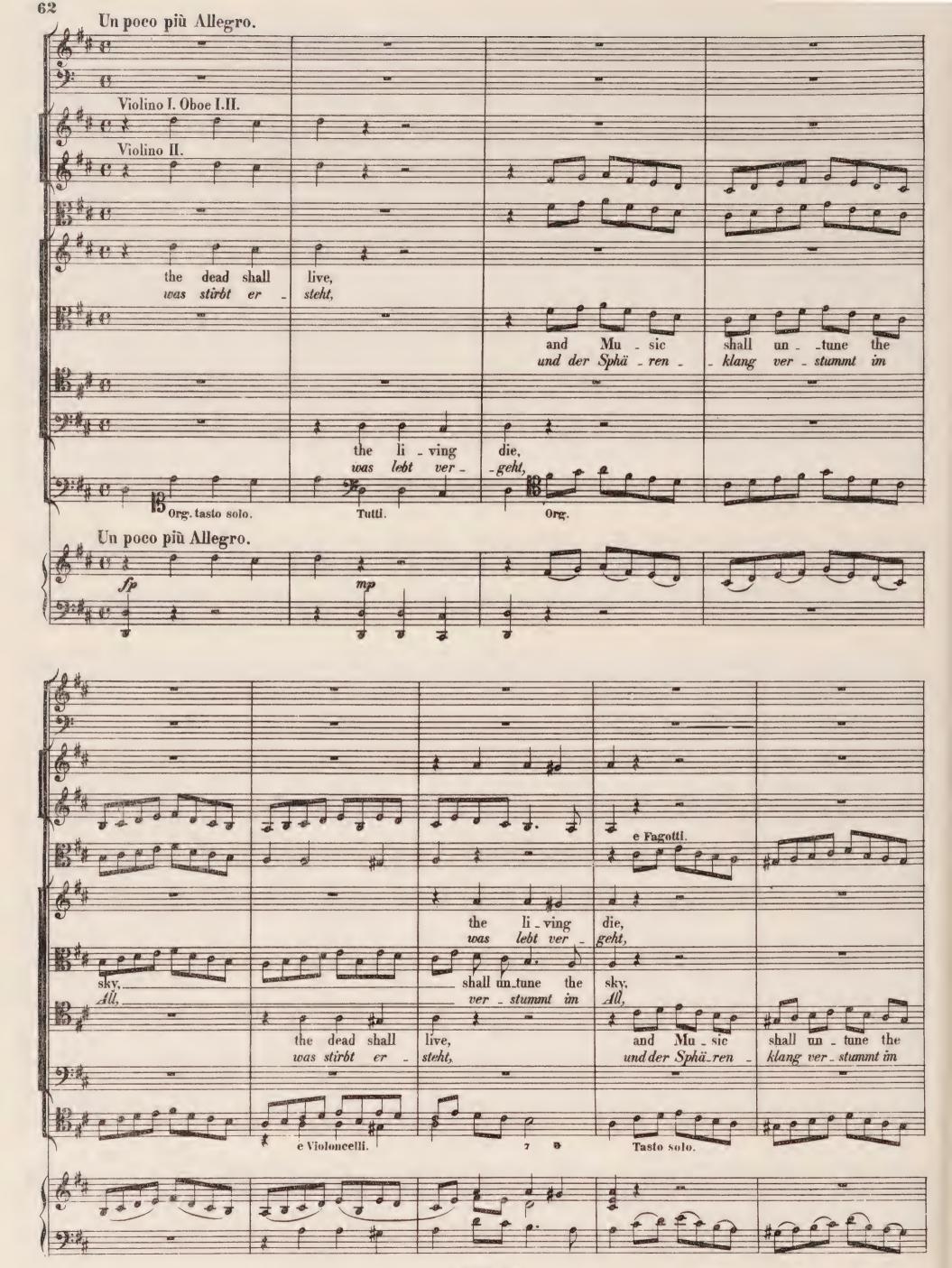
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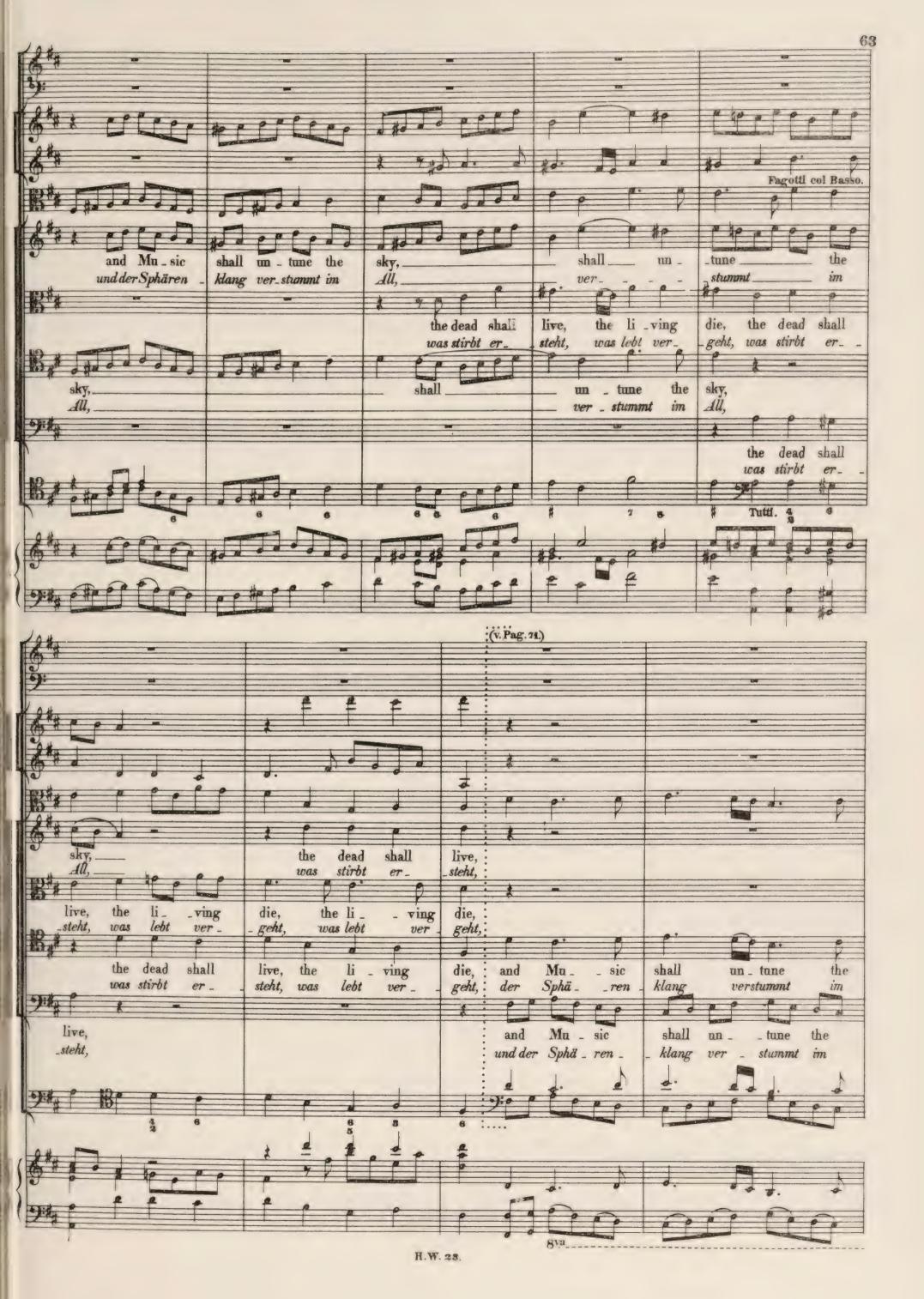
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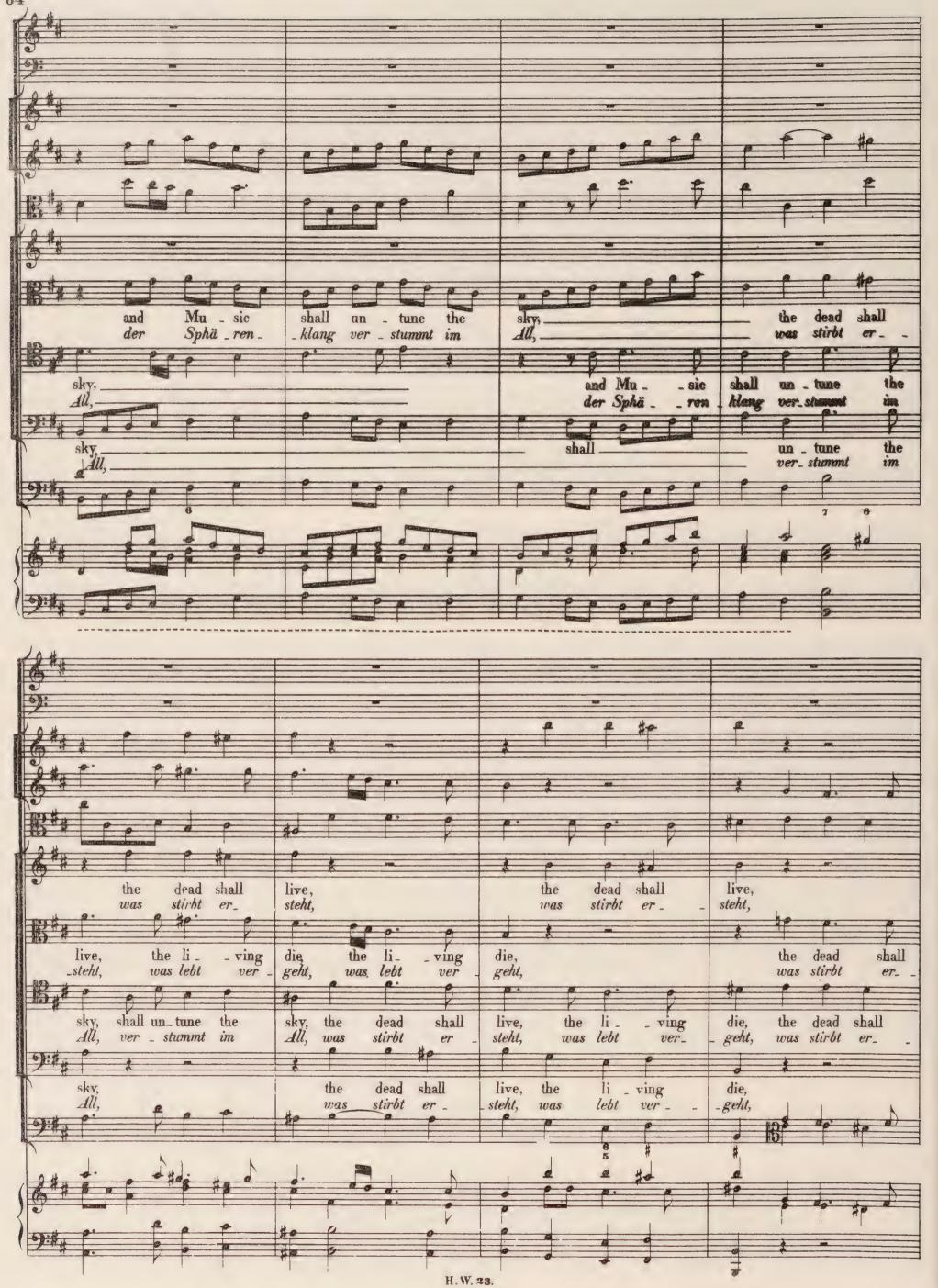


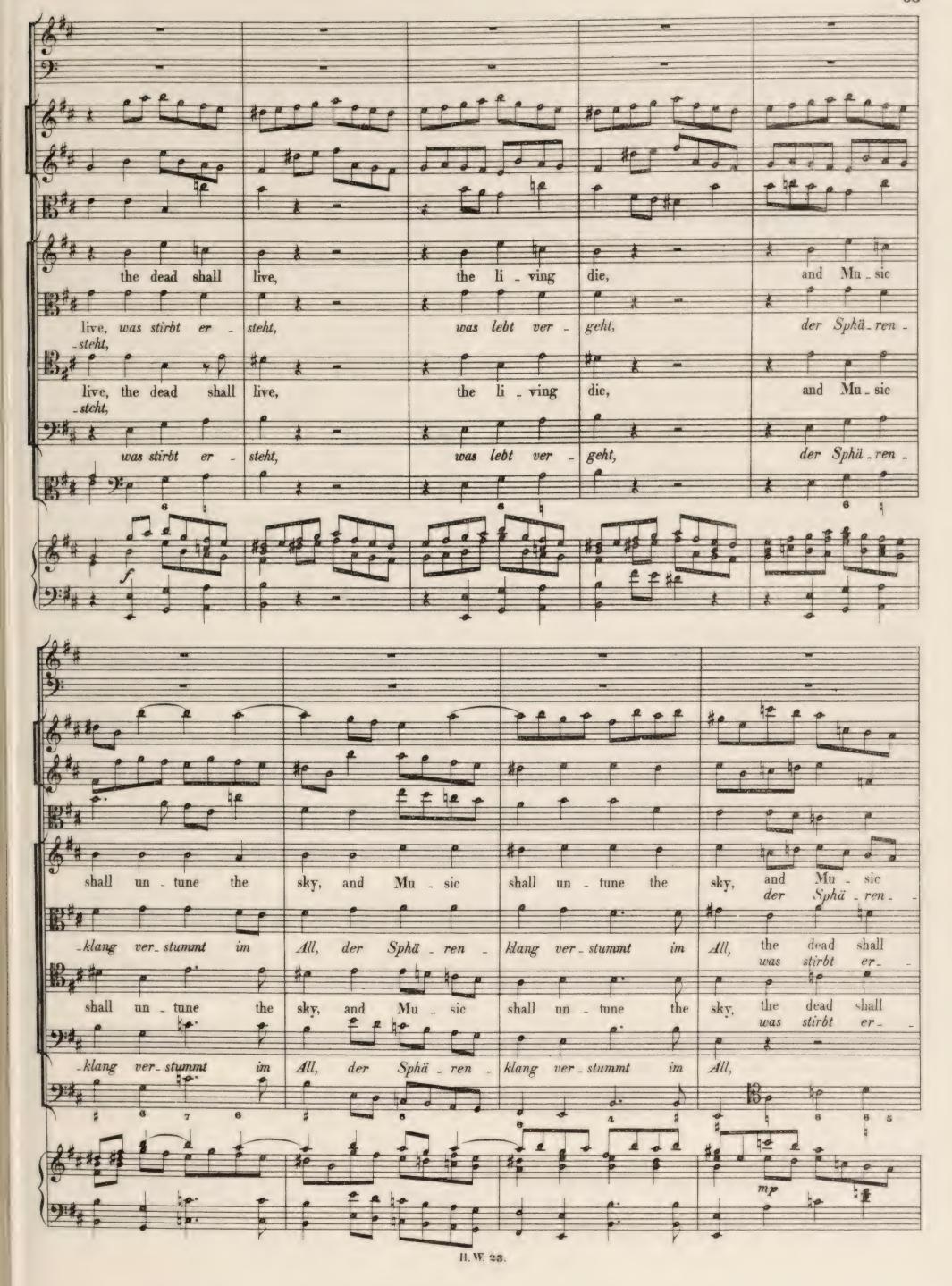


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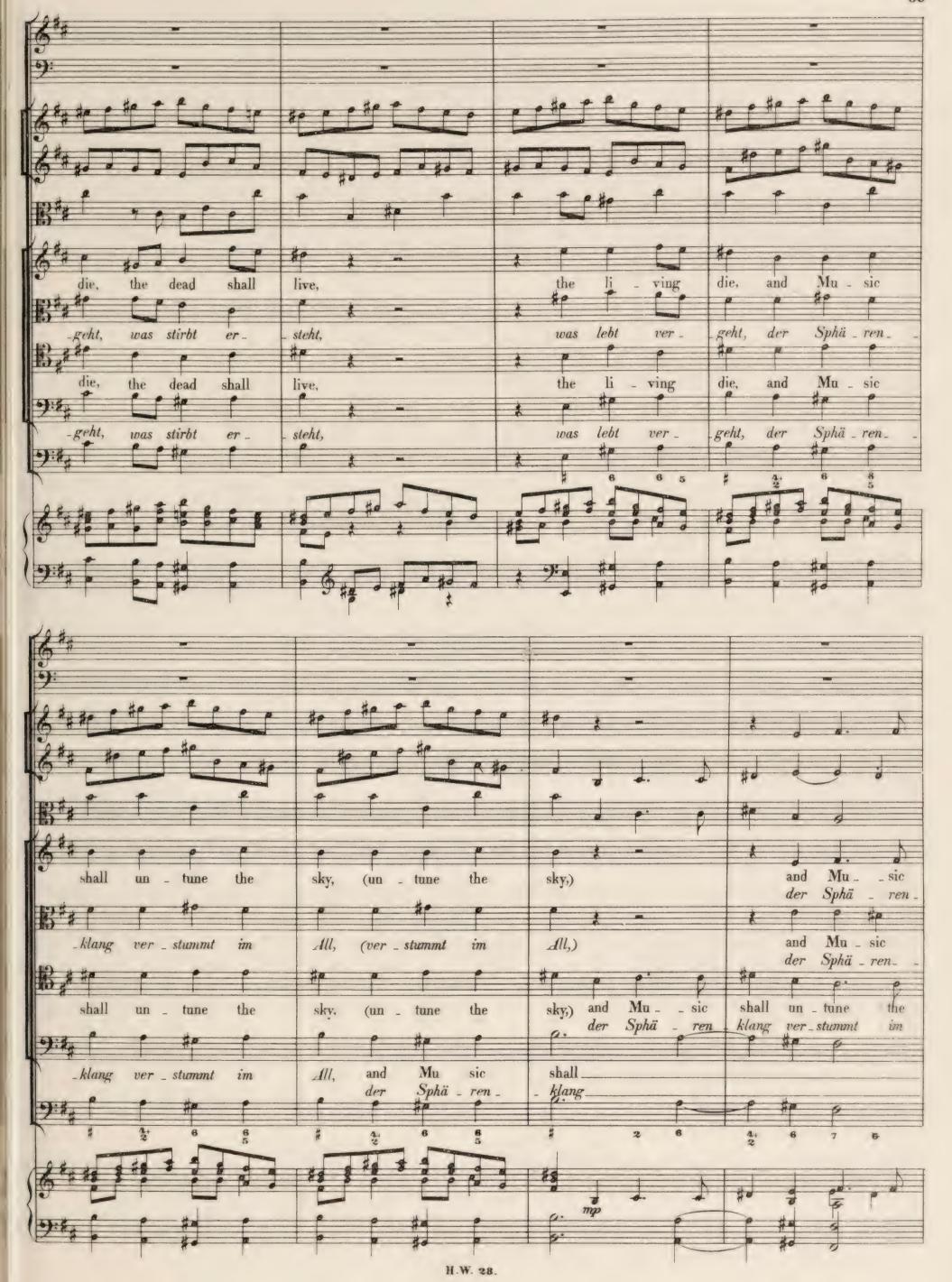






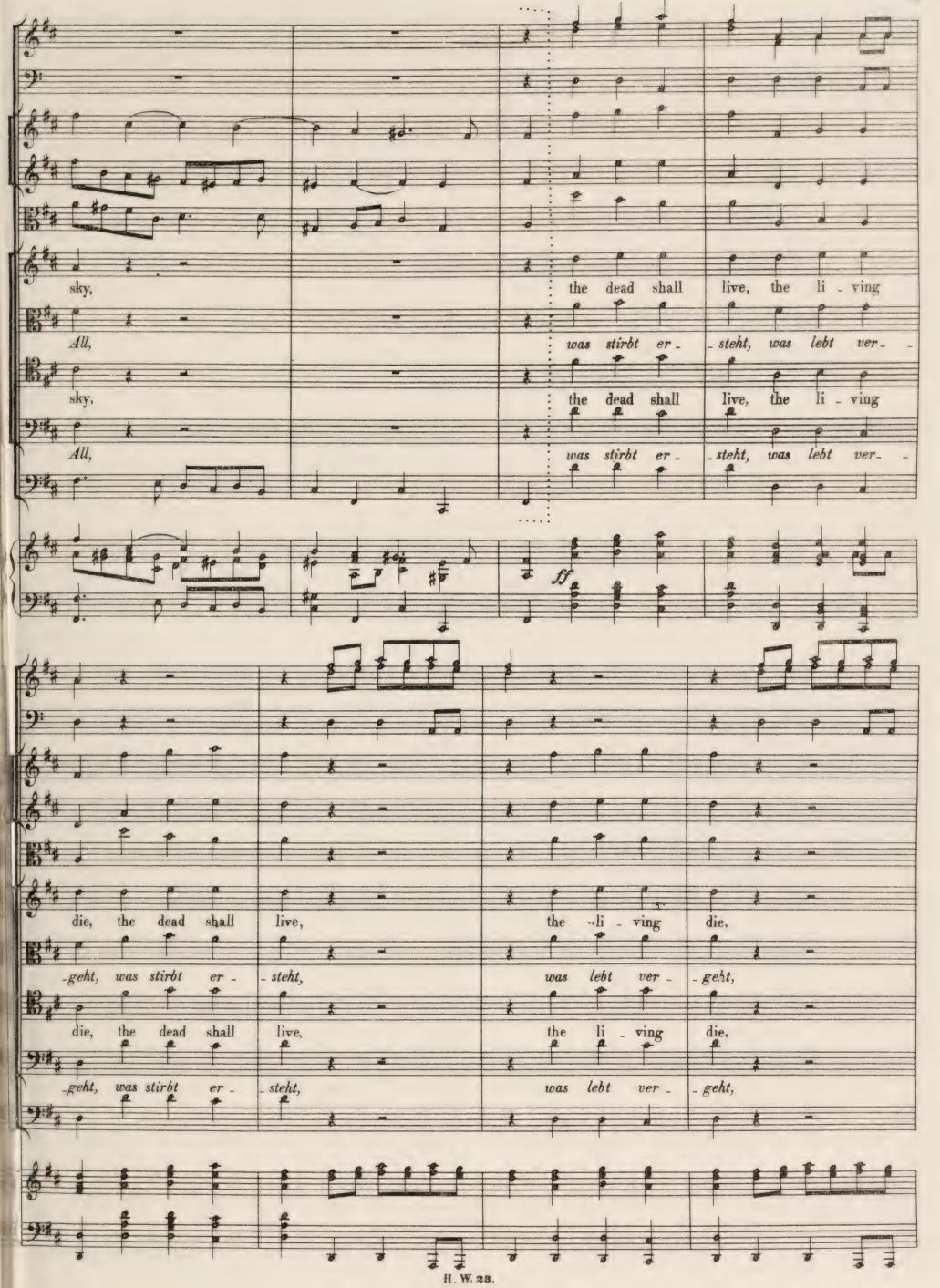


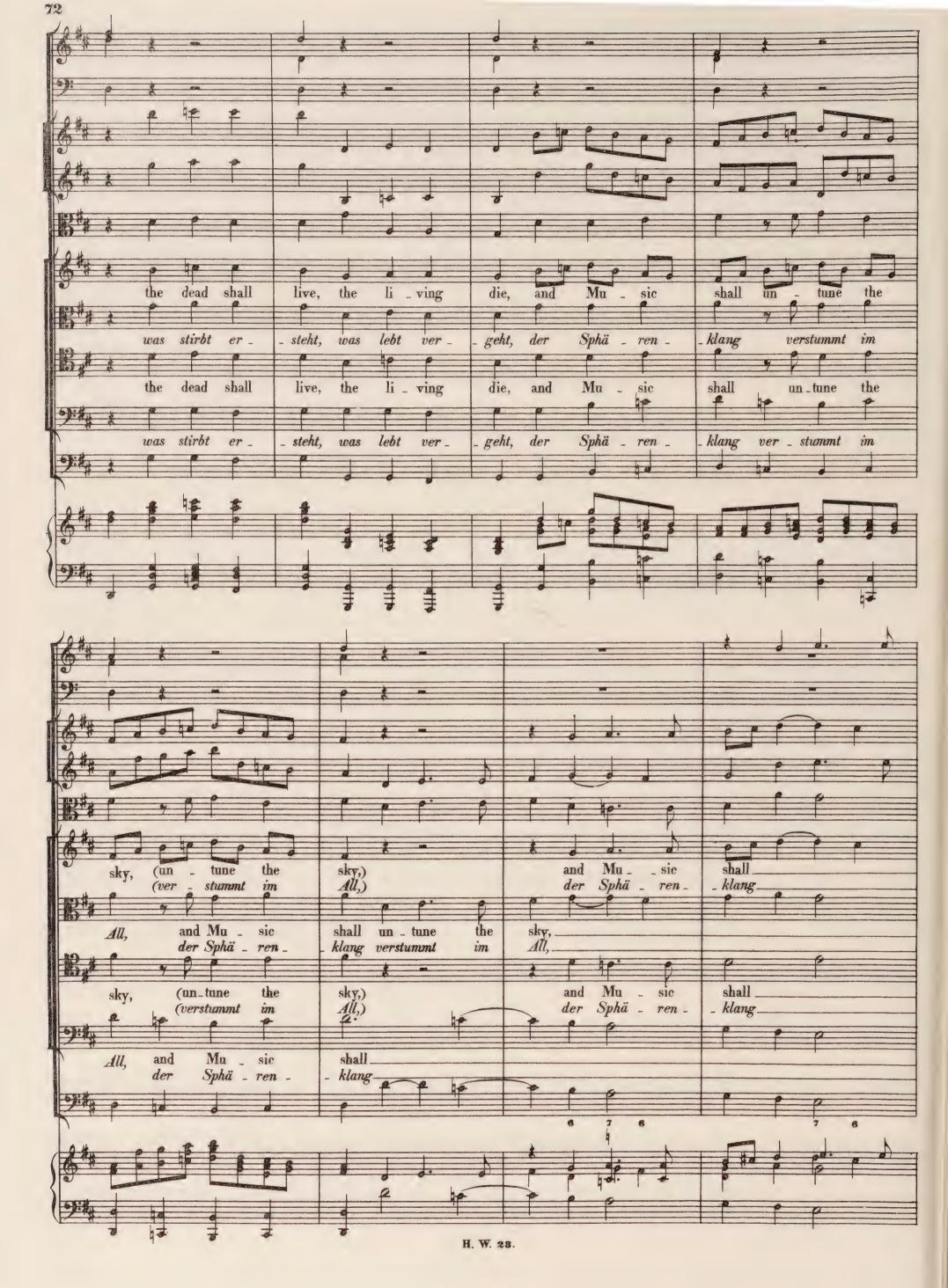
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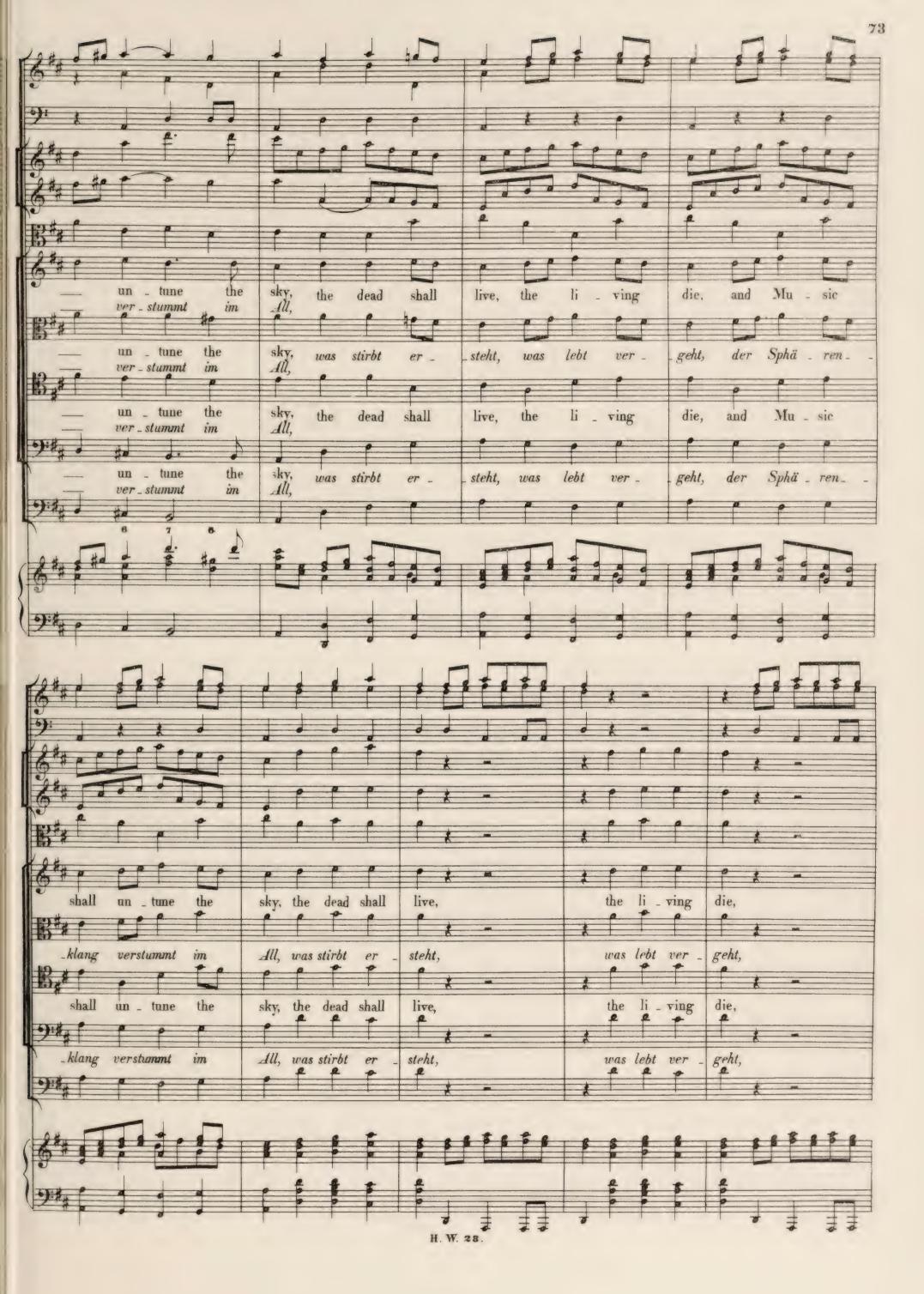








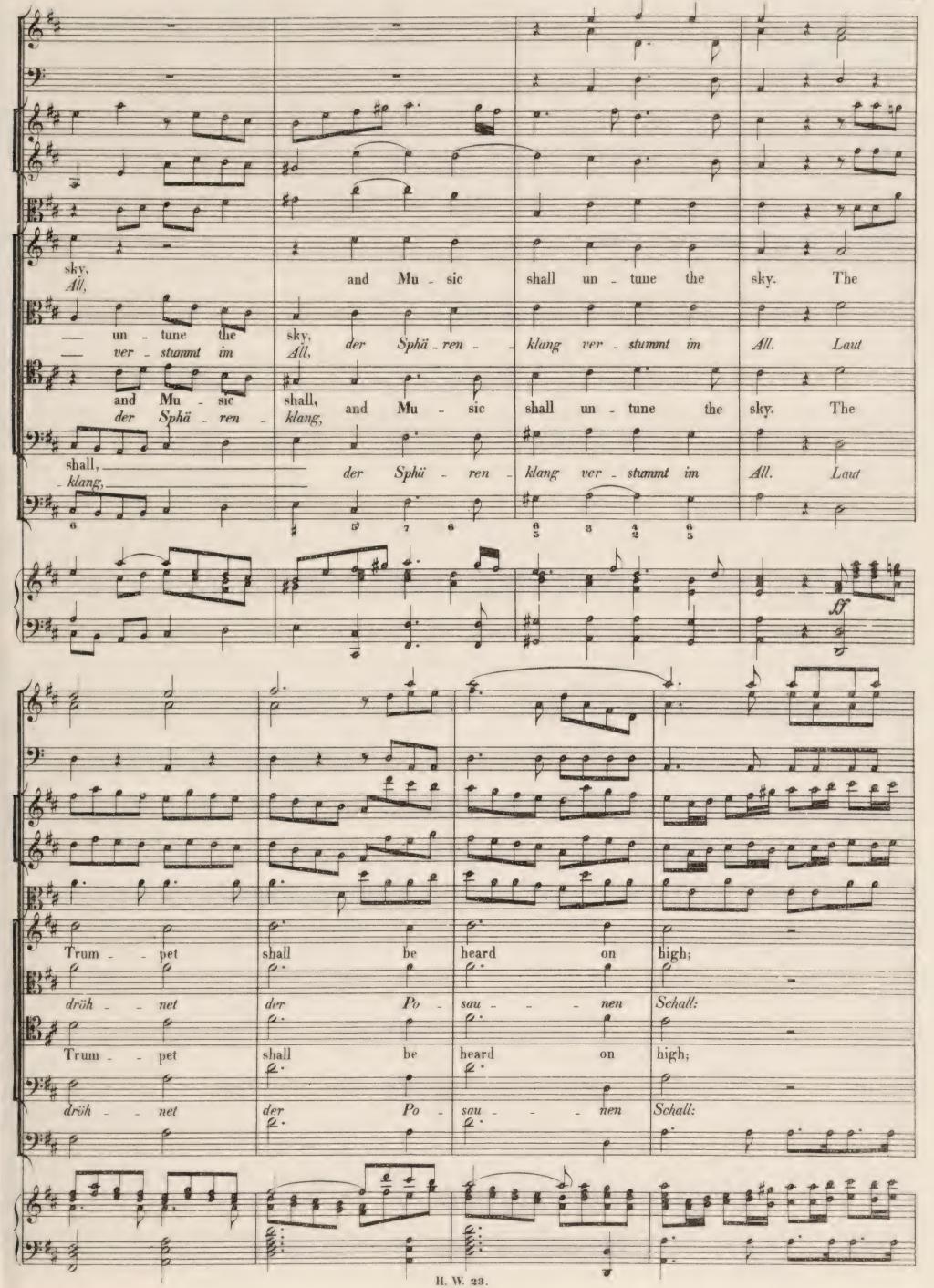


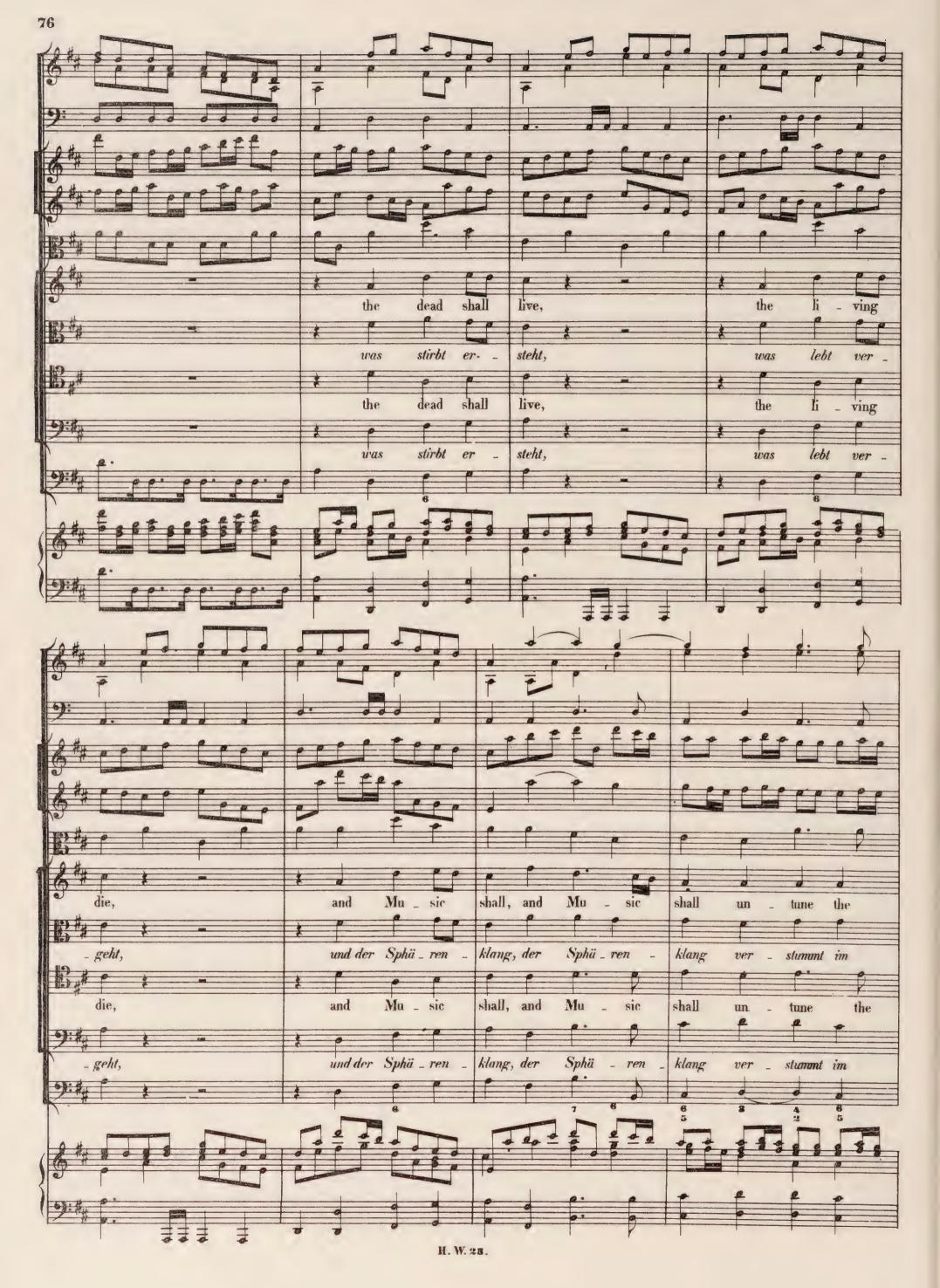


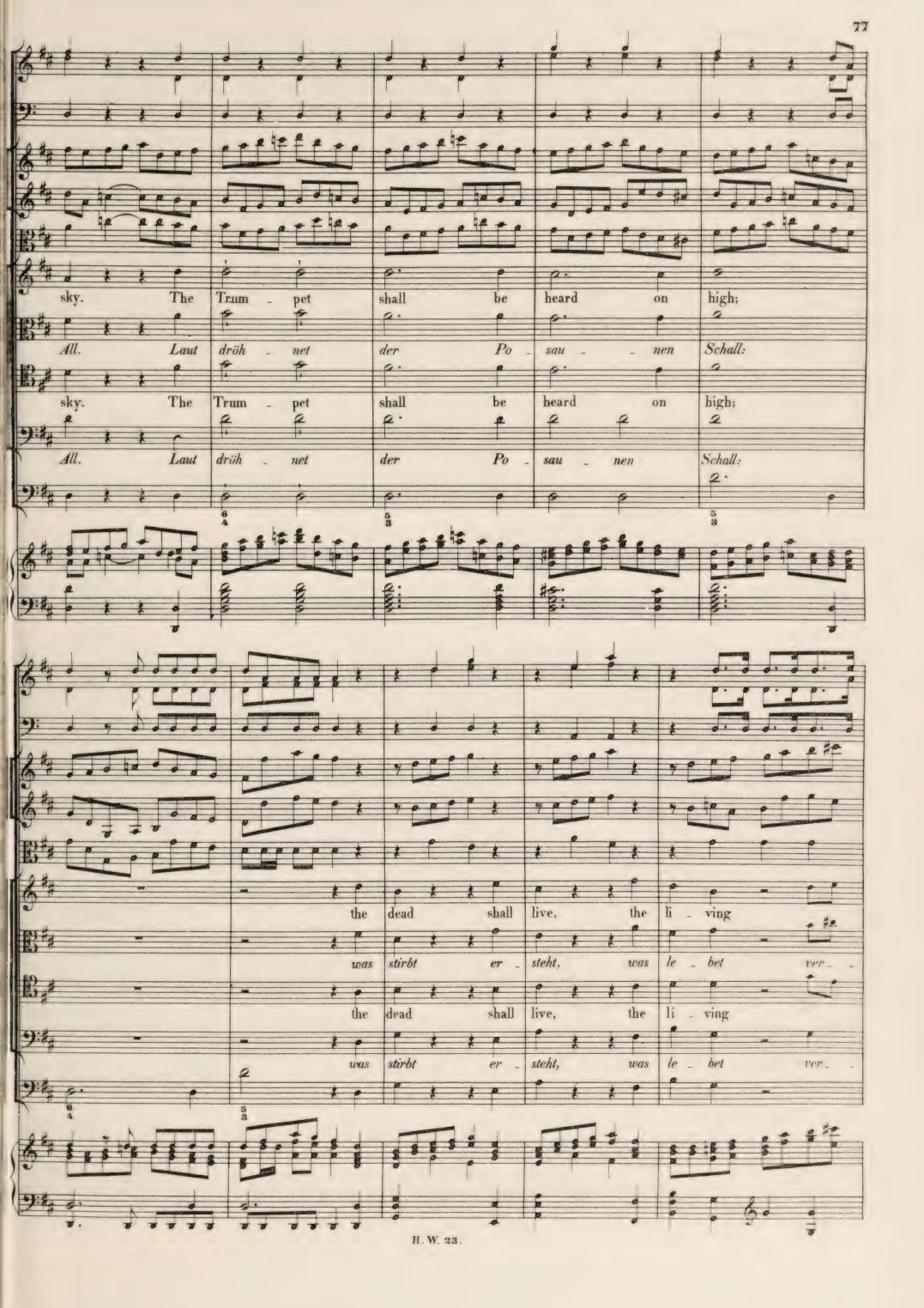


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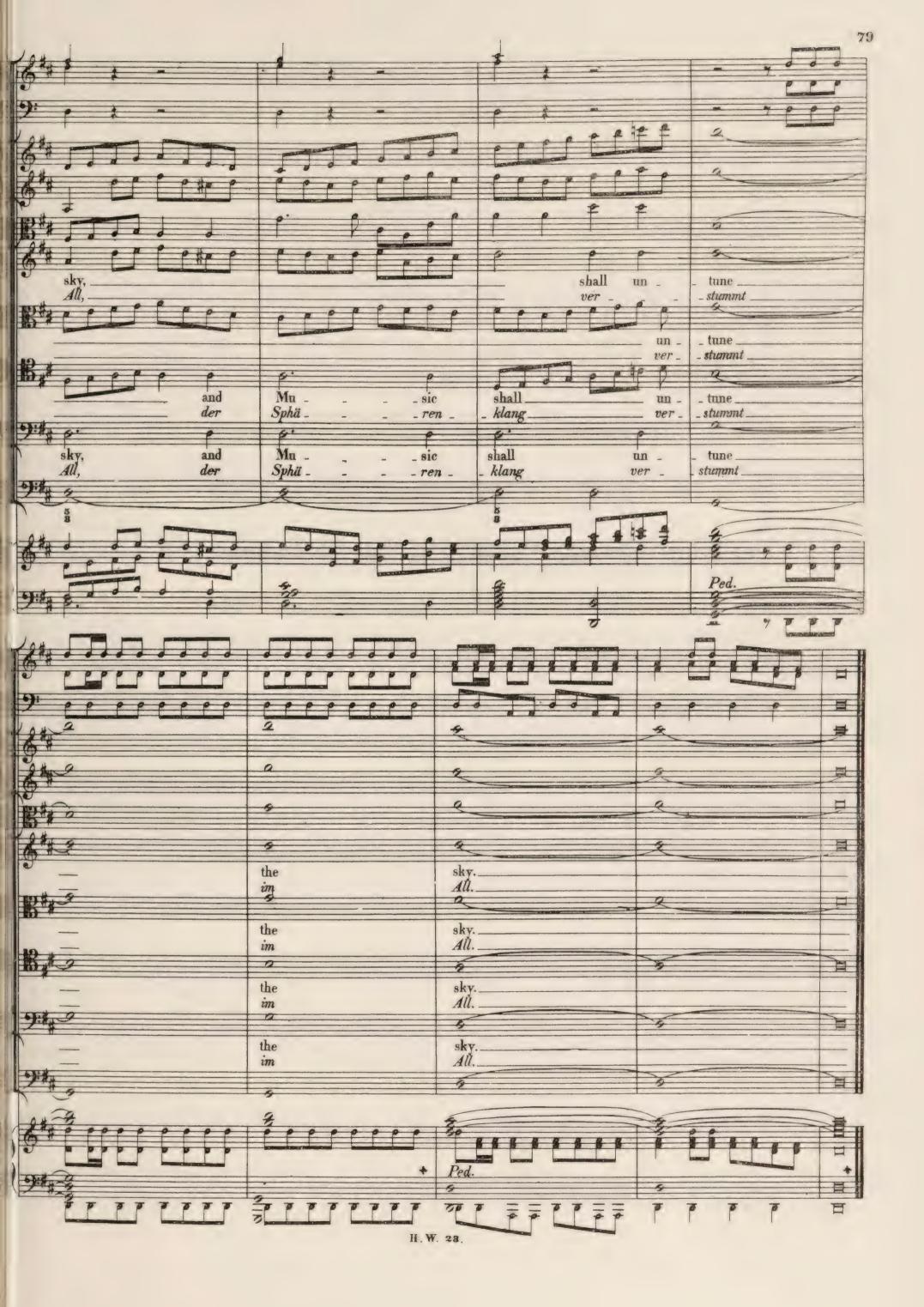










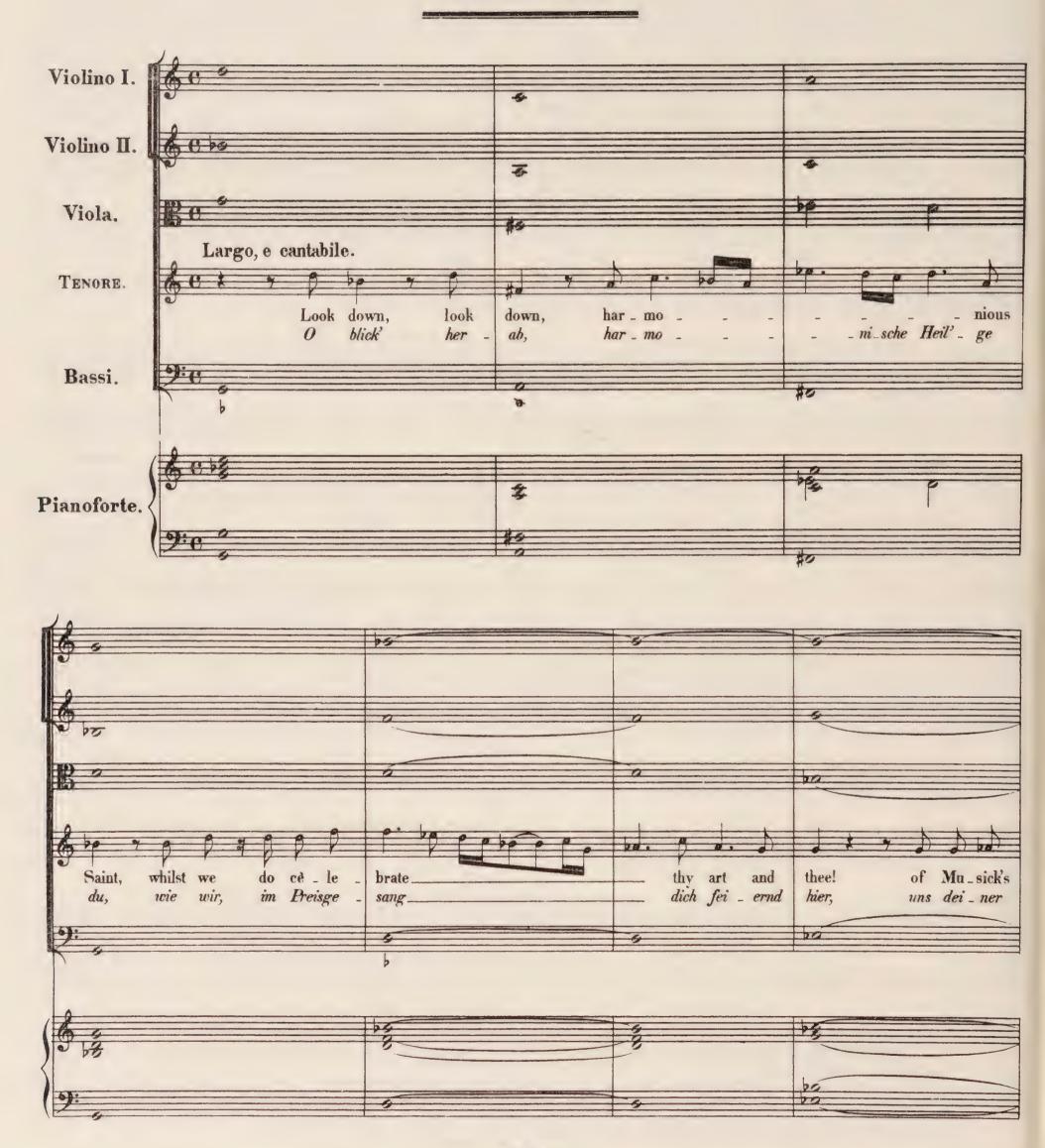


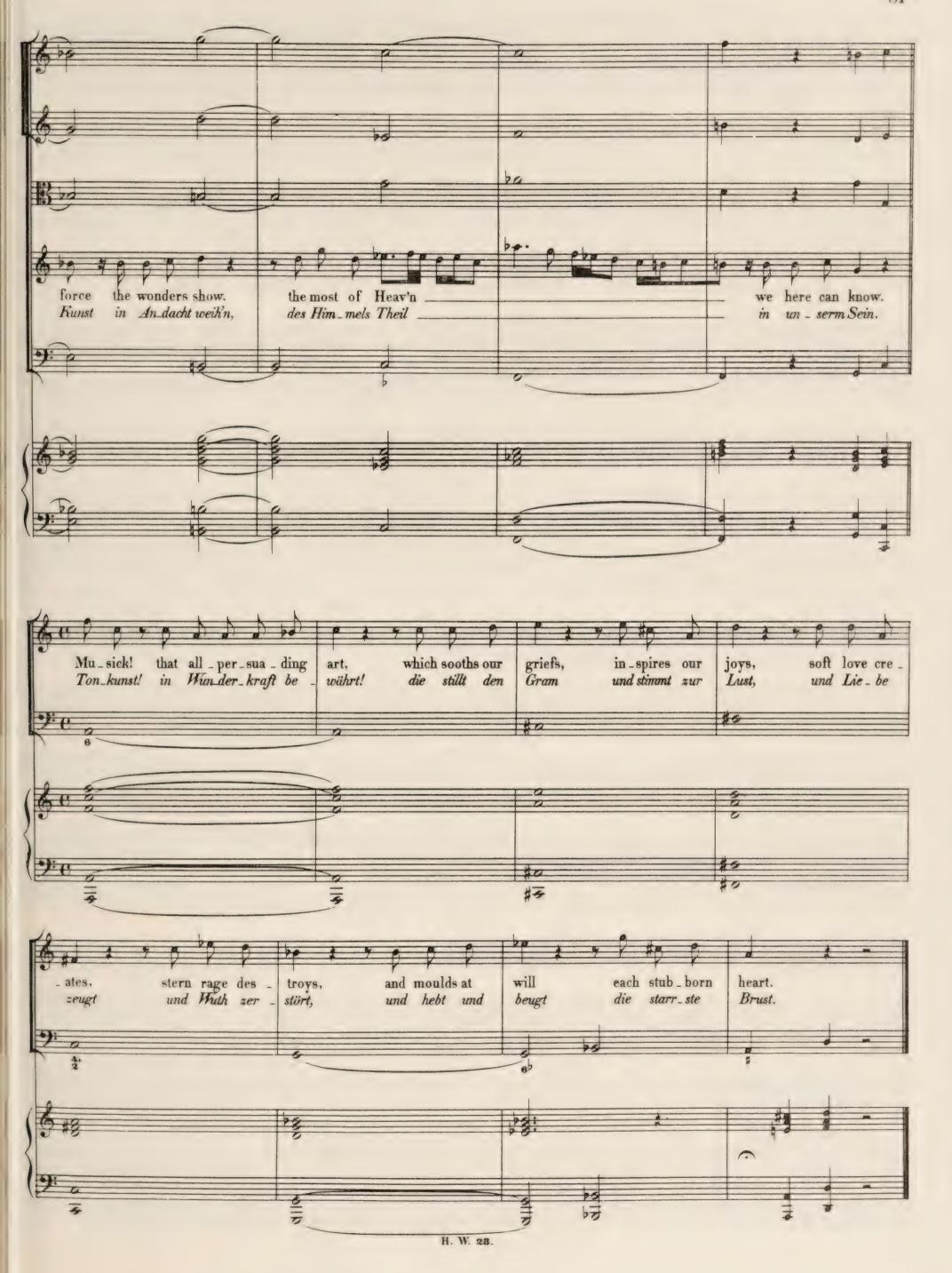
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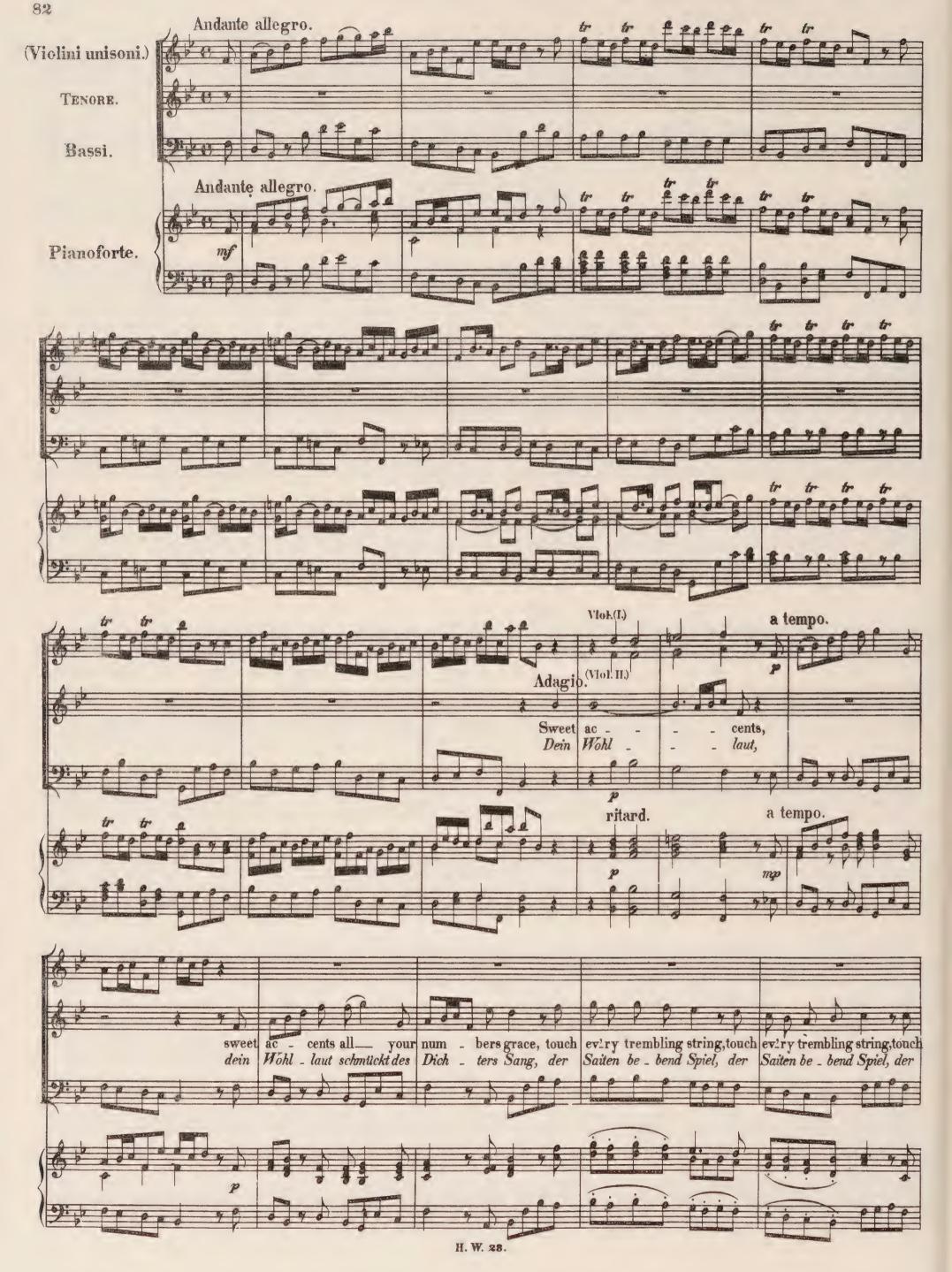
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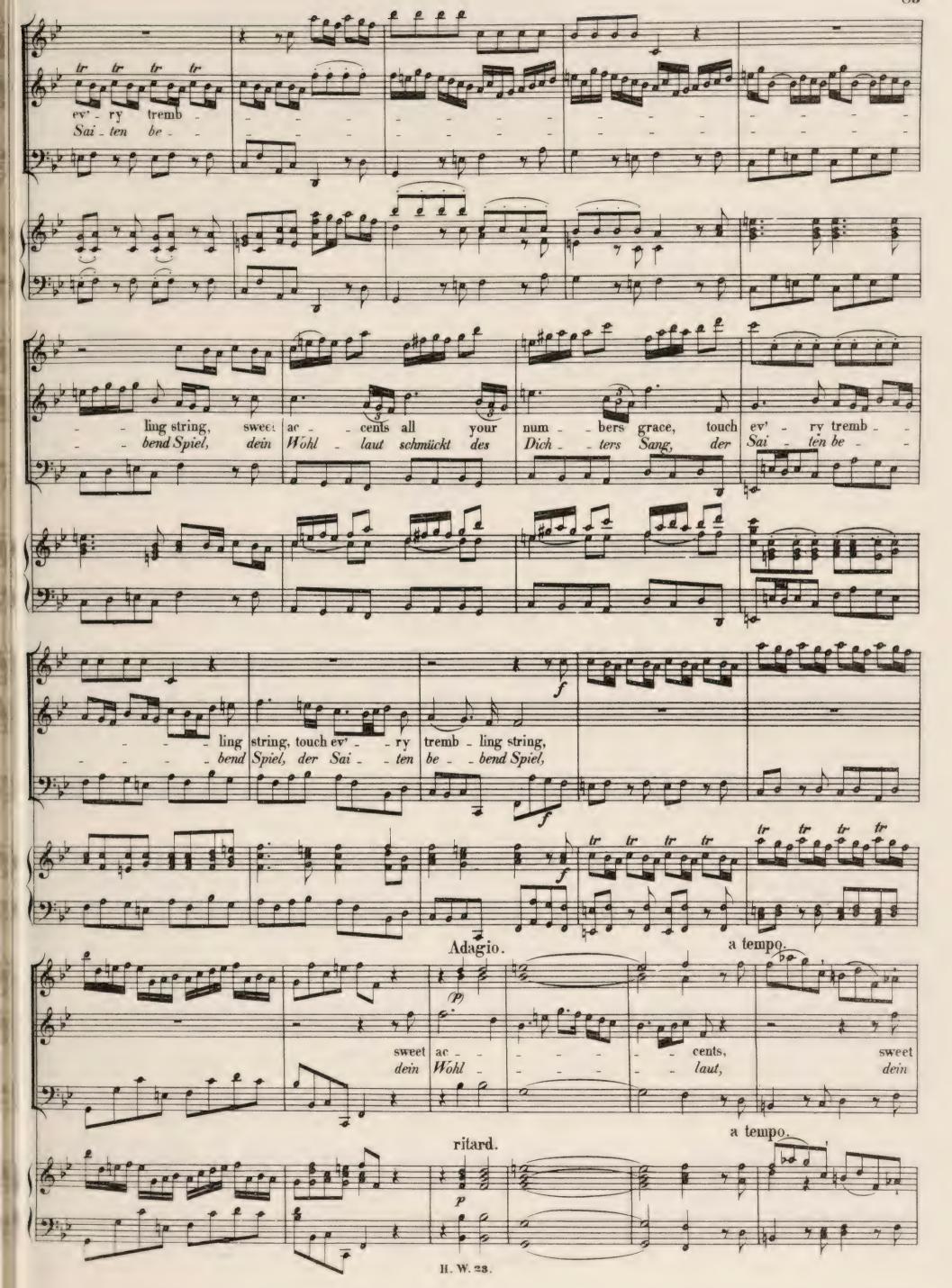
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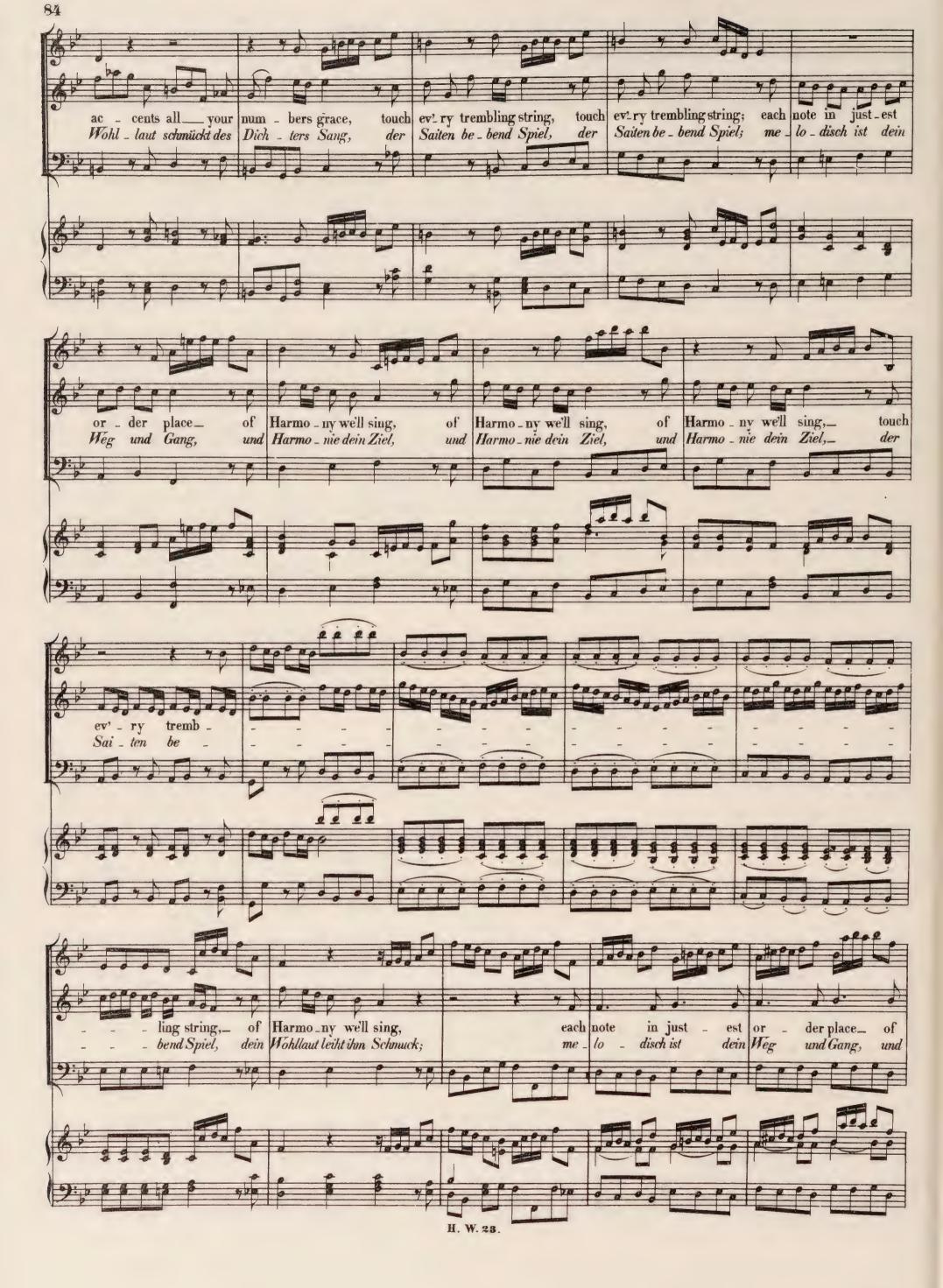
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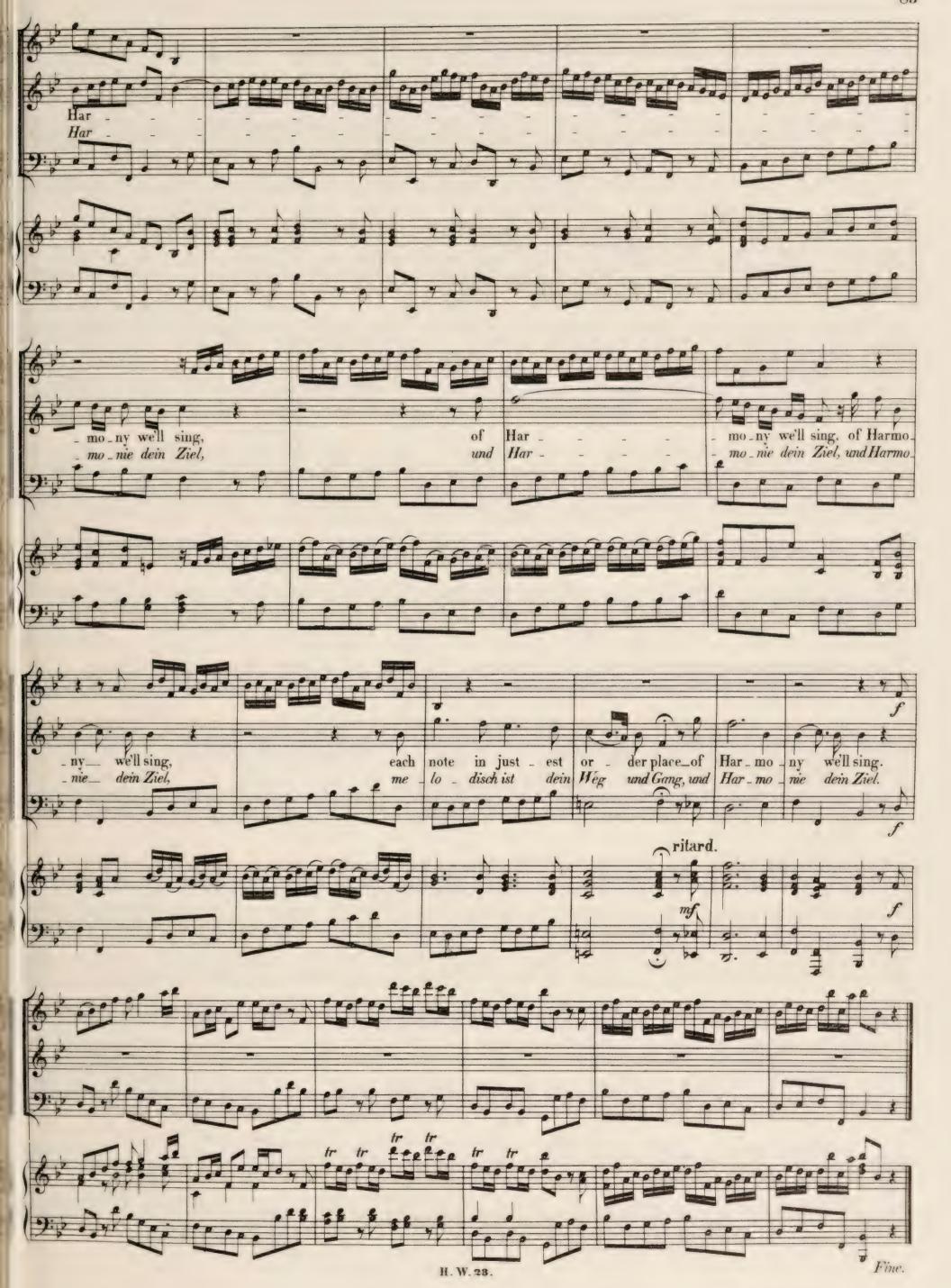


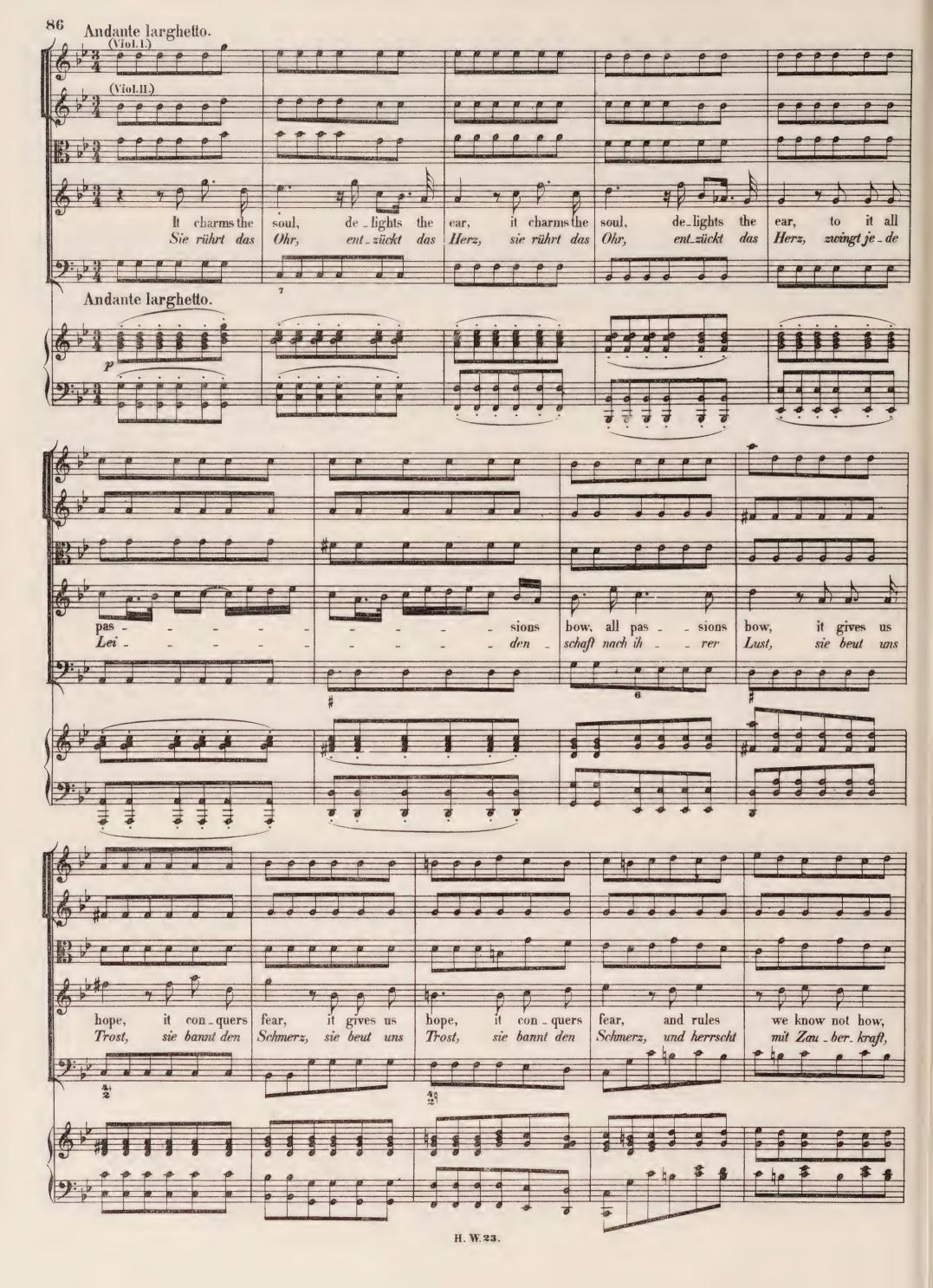


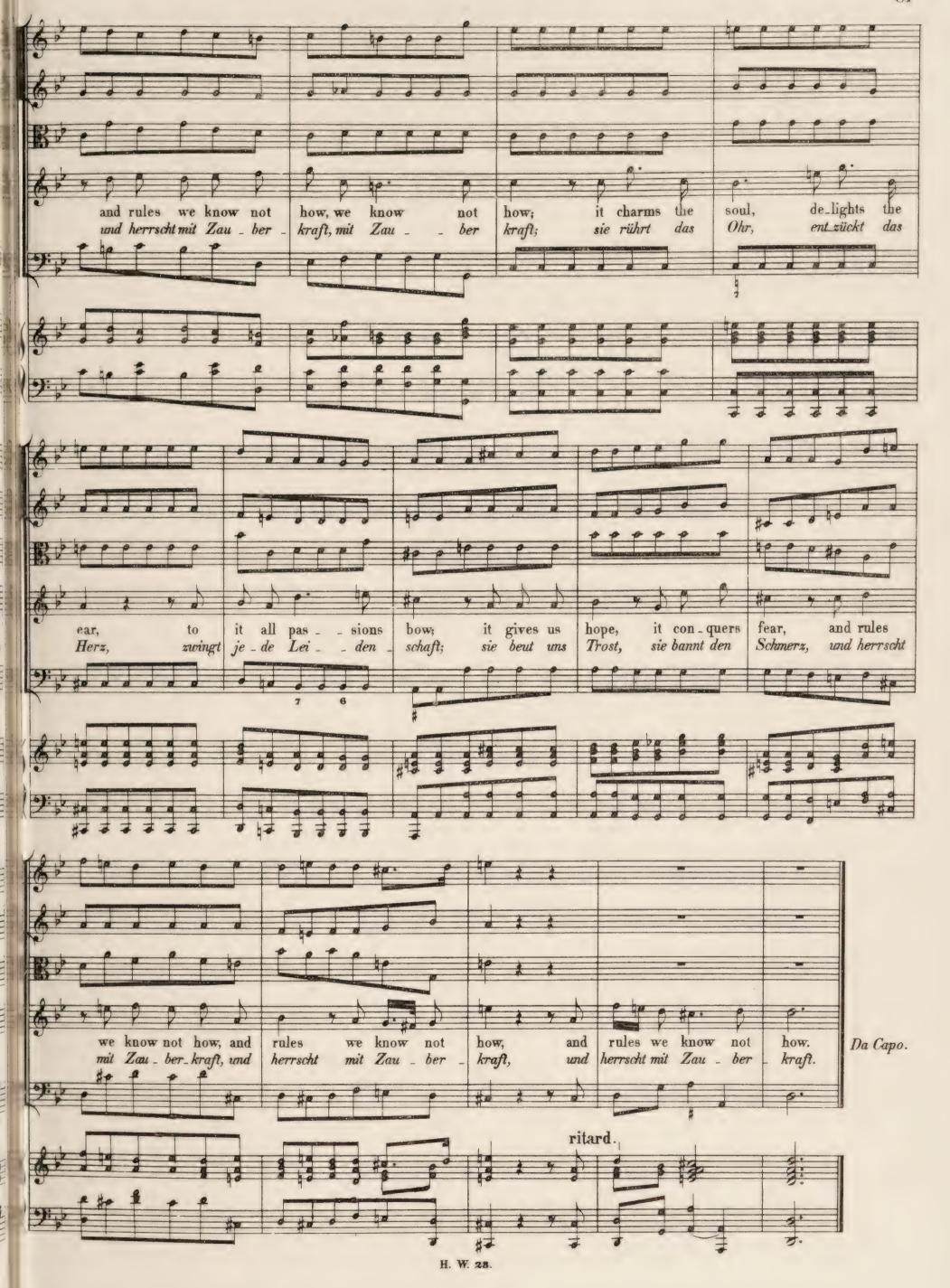


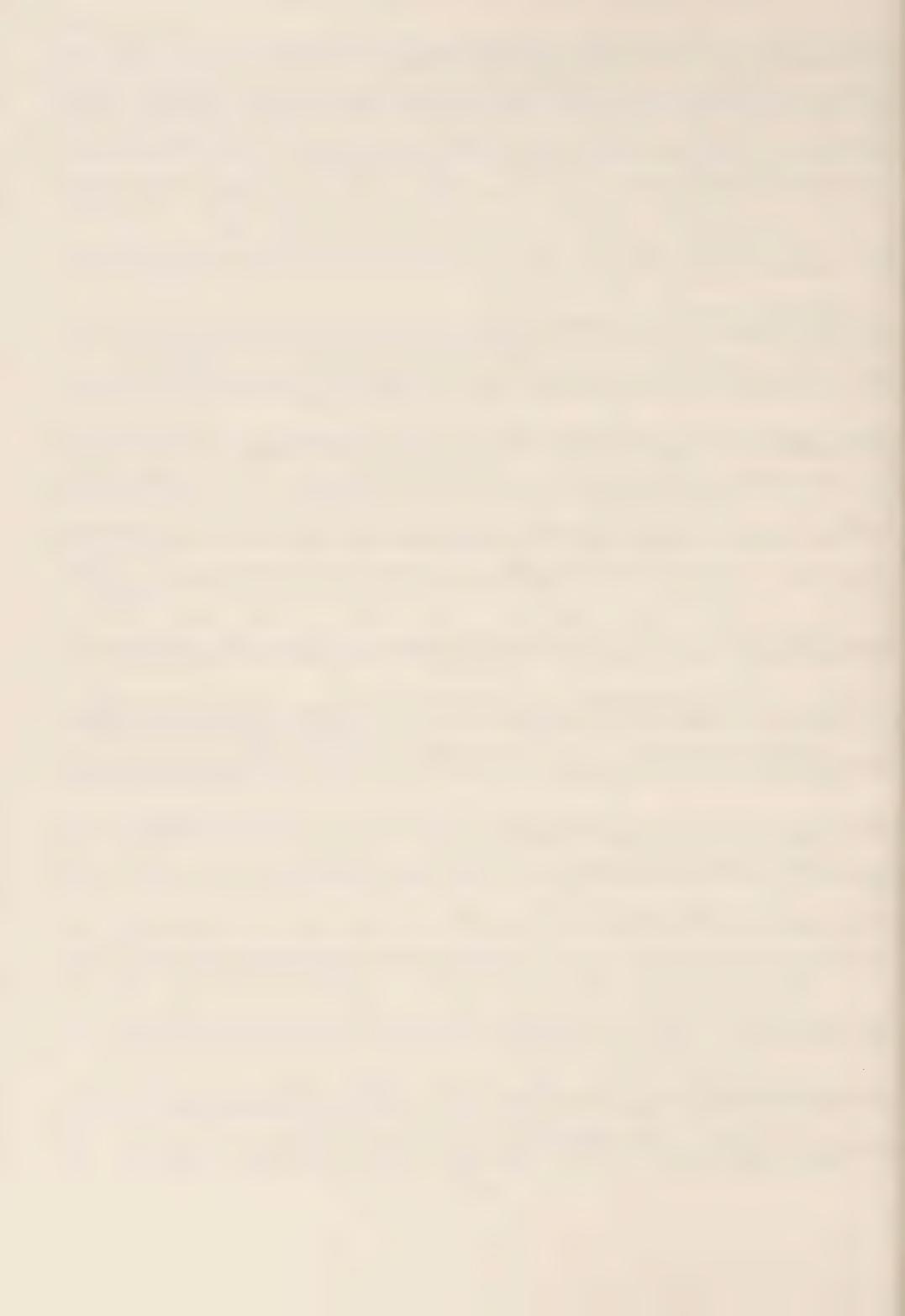






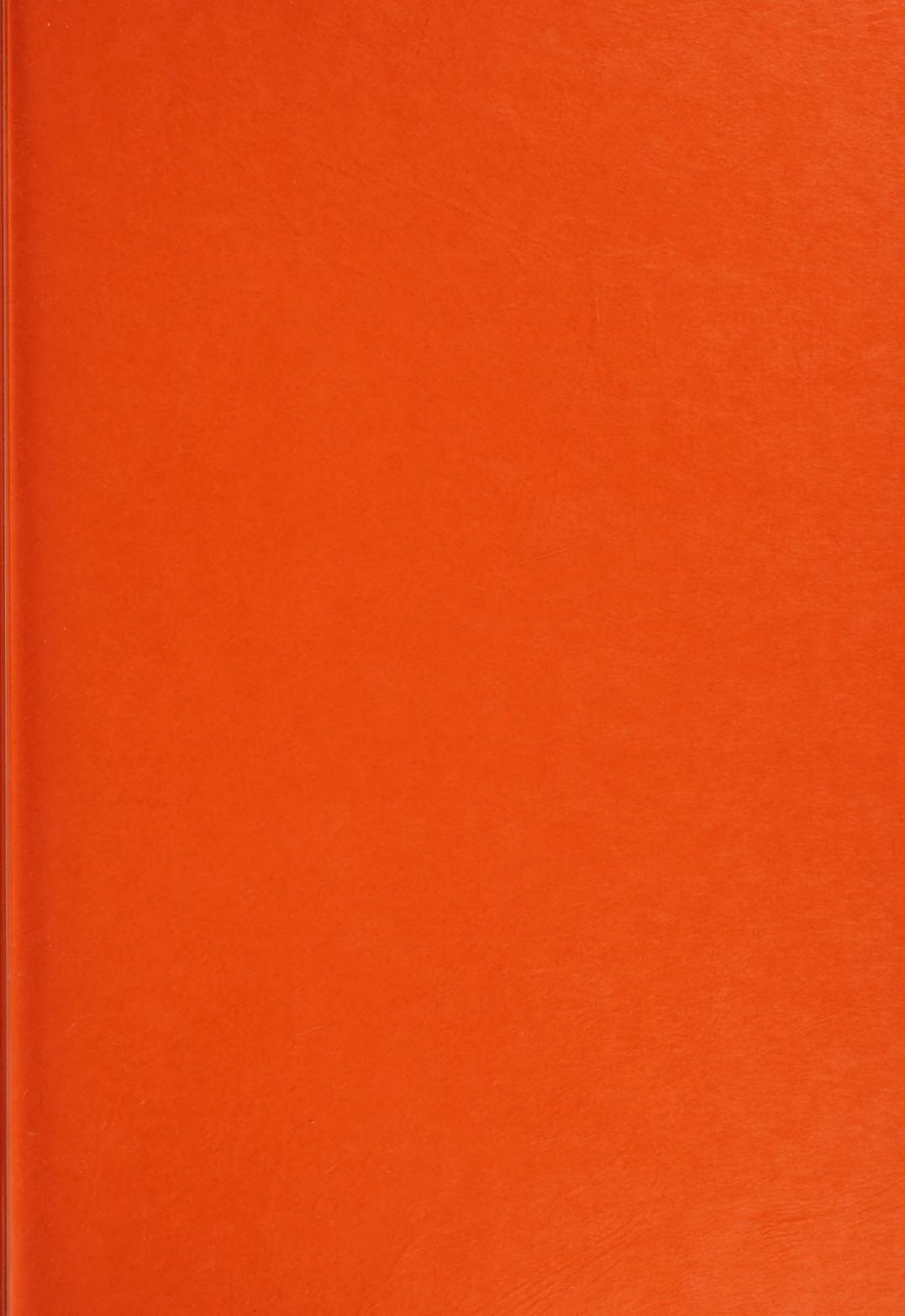












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x1272 Lotario (1729)x1273 Muzio Scevola (1721)	x1318 Resurrezione, La (1708)	Marine His	CHURCH MUSIC
x1274 Orlando (1733)	x1319 Sainson (1743)		CHANDOS Anthems (1716-18)
x1274 Offando (1733)	x1321 Solomon (1749)		<ol> <li>O be joyful in the Lord;</li> <li>In the Lord I put my trust;</li> </ol>
x1276 Partenope (1730)	x1322 Susanna (1749)		3. Have mercy upon me
x1277 Pastor fido, II (first			4. O sing unto the Lord a new song
version, 1712)	x1324 Trionfo del tempo e del disinganno		5. I will maynify Thee
x1278 Pastor fido, II (second	II (1708 and 1737)		6. As pants the hart
version, 1734)	x1325 Triumph of Time and Truth,		7. My song shall be alway;
x1279 Poro (1731)	The (1757)		B. O come, let us sing
x1280 Radamisto (1720)		×1332 9	9. O praise the Lord with one
x1281 Riccardo primo, re	x1326 Der für die Sünden der Welt		consent
d'Inghilterra (1727)			10. The Lord is my light;
x1282 Rinaldo, 1711	Jesus (1716)		11. Let God arise
x1283 Rinaldo, 1731	x1327 Johannespassion (1704)		O praise the Lord, ye angels of His; Wedding Anthem for Princess
x1285 Rodrigo (1707)	VOCAL CHAMBER MUSIC		Anne (1734); Wedding Anthem for the
x1286 \$cipione (1726)	72 Italian Cantatas for one or two		Prince of Wales (1736)
x1287 Serse (1738)	voices and instruments in 4 Volumes		Dettingen Anthem (1743); Foundling
x1288 \$illa (1714)	x1343 Volume I, Nos. 1-18		Hospital Anthem (1749)
x1289 Siroe (1728)	x1344 Volume II, Nos. 19-38		CORONATION Anthems (1727):
x1290 Sosarme (1732)			1. Zadok the Priest;
x1291 Tamerlano (1724)	x1346 Volume IV, Nos. 56-72		2. The King shall rejoice
x1292 Teseo (1713)	28 ITALIAN Cantatas with Instruments	x1337	3. My heart is inditing; 4. Let
x1293 Tolomeo, red'Egitto (1728)	x1347 Volume I, Nos. 1-7		Thy hand be strengthened
INCIDENTAL MUSIC	× 1540 Volume 11, NOS. 6-15		Funeral Anthem for Queen
x1294 Alceste (1750)	x1349 Volume III, Nos. 16-23		Caroline (1737)
SERENATAS, MASQUES,	A 1000 Volume 1V, 1908, 24-20		(1713)
PASTORALS	STALIAN Duets and Trios	×1340	Dettingen Te Deum (1743)
			Te Deum, A major (c. 1727);
ODES AND INTERLUDES	A 1002 Toecond Cultion,		Bb major (1716-18); D major
x1295 Aci, Galatea e Polifemo (two	INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC		(c. 1714)
versions, 1708 and 1732)	for Organ, Orchestra, Chamber and Harpsichord	×1342	Laudate pueri, F major (1702);
x1296 Acis and Galatea (1719)	×1353 15 Solo Sonatus, Op. 1 (c. 1724)		Laudate pueri, D major (1707);
- x1297 Alexander's Feast (1736)	6 Sonatas or Trios for two oboes		Dixit Dominus (1707); Nisi Dominus
x 1298. Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato; L' (1740).	and continuo (1696)		(1702-7); Salve Regina, G minor;
x1299 Choice of Hercules, The	x1354 9 Sonatas, Op. 2 (1733),		Silete venti, motet (?1715-20);
(1751) (18)	6 Sonatas, Op. 5 (1738)		S Allelùias for voice and harpsichord (c.1735-45)
x1300 Haman and Mordecai (first version	x1355 6 Organ Concerti		
of Esther) (1720)	x 1356. 8 Works for Orchestra and		
x1301 Hercules (1745)	Chamber Music		